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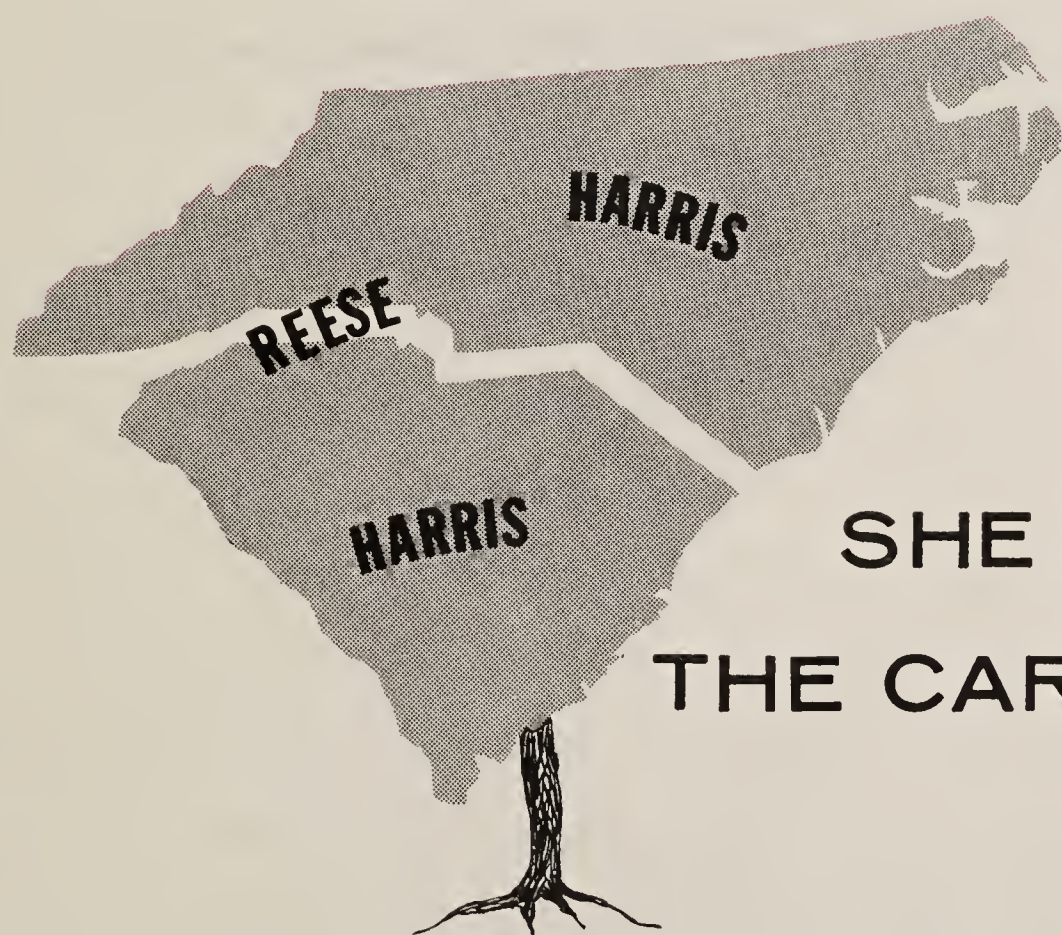


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FOREWORD

Why did I write this book?

Our Father, Edwin Montgomery Reese always pointed with pride to his ancestry but didn't tell us anything definite about his forebears. At times we girls were taken for: French, Italian, Irish, English, Scotch, and Welch. We wanted to find out who our proud forebears were.

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Myrle, the eldest girl, became acquainted with a lovely lady who began that study in New York by finding one book on the Reese family. This study ended with its publication in 1903. That left us out. It was up to me the youngest to do research and vindicate my Father's pride.

My part began with a letter to a tiny town's Postmaster in Townville, South Carolina:

"Do you know anyone who can help me to find that grave of my Patriot John Harris?" He did.

From there my whole world opened up. How can I thank all the people who so graciously helped me?

First my deepest thanks goes to Bill Suttles of Iva, South Carolina. For miles and miles he chauffeured me from one cemetery to another. He not only drove,

but copied names, searching always; writing helps to me.

Then dear Lucile Herring, my first contact in Anderson, and her sister Catherine O'Neal. Miss Annie W. Harris gave me most helpful data on a close relative. Miss Mamie Price added her important bit; Mrs. Calhoun Harris donated very much information on the Dr. John Harris family; also the Todds of Anderson. Special thanks to the Dave Watsons of Clemson.

My thanks to Mr. King of the Probate Court; to the librarians of Clemson and Anderson; to the Archives of North and South Carolina; to Miss Anna Boake Allan of U.N.C. Library; to Mr. and Mrs. James Dabbs of Mayesville and Salem Church; to Mr. Tom Foster of Concord, N.C. who gave of his time; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Propst of "Mill Grove", Concord; to Warren R. Gilmore, Postmaster of Wrentham, Mass.; to Mr. and Mrs. Brevard Harris and Jane Nierenberg, their daughter; and last, but not least, to my loving husband, Cristobal, who is most patient.

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CHAPTER A I

DAVID REESE ESQ., THE SIGNER

A 1 David Reese was a Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775 at Charlotte, North Carolina. His name is inscribed upon the Monument there before the Court House. He and his son, Dr. Thomas Reese worked throughout the Revolution to furnish arms for the troops and Dr. Reese wrote articles to incite the citizens to Patriotic duty.*

David Reese Esq. was born in Brecon Wales in 1710. He was the son of Rev. David Reese who came to America with his family about 1725. They settled first in Maryland and his name appears first in Cecil County there as a witness to the will of Henry Henrickson November 16, 1733.

David Jr. and his father were educated men and they had a large library. David the son moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he married Susan Ruth Polk (Pollock) of Princess Anne Maryland. "That he served in the Foot Company under Captain Zebulon Hollingsworth in the Colonial Militia ... is of record." **

"The family of Rhys descended from the South House of Rhys who emigrated to England in 1599 and who changed their spelling to 'Rees' ... of Presbyterian faith David

* "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem Chap. X "Charlotte Archi. & Hist. "Raleigh:" N.S.D.A.R. 452969;

** "Gen. of the Reese Fam. "M.E. Reese 1903 Whittett & Shepperson, Richmond, Va. p. 26.

Sr. was at the siege of Londonderry and Battle of Boyne 1688. Sir David Re Reese was a lineal descendant of Lord Rhys of Dinewar; he married Gwellion, daughter of Griff Koman King of Wales."

Reverend David Reese was pastor of South Wark Presbyterian Church. His son, David Apt Reese, was pastor of a Cardigan Church. He married Maud, daughter of Sir Meridith Owen of South Wales. His line includes the line of this family."

*"In 1737-8 David Reese married Susan Ruth Polk, daughter of Robert Polk, Jr. and his wife Grace Guillette, and granddaughter of Sir Robert Bruce Pollock (Polk) and wife Magdalene Tasker (Polk).

Magdalene Tasker Polk was the daughter of Thomas Tasker, Colonel in the Parliamentary Army in Ireland and was Chancellor of Ireland also owner of Bloomfield Castle on the River Dale.

The Polks (Pollocks) were Scotch Irish, the first Pollock John, left Lancashire to join Protestants in the North of Ireland. John's son, Robert Bruce Pollock, was a true-blue Presbyterian. He served in the Regiment of Col. Tasker. He was the founder of the Polk family in America."

* "Gen. of the Reese Fam. "M.E. Reese Whittett & Shepperson 1903.

"The Polks were granted land on the East Shore of Maryland by Lord Baltimore. This was at the mouth of the Nanticoke & Wicomico Rivers. A homestead patented under the name of "Polk's Folly" is still in possession of the Family."

Robert Bruce Polk by marriage to a Tasker acquired the Estate "Moneen Hill" in the Barony of Ross Donegal Ireland. (P. 27) Little is known of the Grace Guillette family. Her name has been spelled Gullet, Guillette, etc. by the author of the "Genealogy of the Reese Family." She may have been the daughter of William and Susannah Gullett by name Grace, born October 3, 1682 at Manokin. Robert Polk, Jr. was born about 1675 in Somerset County, Maryland.

About 1753 David Reese, Jr. and his family removed to Coddle Creek, Anson County, North Carolina, about 18 miles north east of Charlotte. Located just outside the present town of Concord, the Manor Plantation consisted of about seven hundred acres.*

**Three sons of Robert Bruce Polk (Pollock) came to Anson County in 1750. They were: Thomas; Ezekiel; and Charles Polk.

* "Original Will...1749-1869 Vol. 15 "State Dept. Arch. & His." Raleigh Meck. Co. N.C. Deed Books No. Ipp.730-732; No. 2 pp. 271-273.
** "Wheeler's Remin." p. 260. Meck. County, N.C.

John Polk was the first son of Robert Bruce Polk of Ireland. He was the father of William Polk.

Ezekiel Polk, son of William Polk, married Miss Wilson, his first wife; then Mrs. Lennard.

Samuel Polk the son of Ezekiel Polk married Jane Knox and their son was James Knox Polk who was born on November 2, 1795. He was born 11 miles south of Charlotte near Little Sugar Creek Church. The family moved to Tennessee in 1839 where James Knox Polk became governor.

John Polk and Robert Polk were brothers. Robert Polk's daughter Susan Ruth Polk (Reese), wife of David Reese of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, was first cousin to William Polk.

*William Polk, son of Col. Thomas Polk, wrote to Archibald D. Murphey a letter reciting the whole history of the Resolutions and gave the list of those present. Then he added:

"My Father, Thomas Polk, was the most popular man in the Country."

**Susan Ruth Polk (Pollock) granddaughter of Robert Bruce Pollock came from a Royal Scottish family.

* "A.D.S. with only "W.P. 16 PP to Emmet #1493 Aug. 18, 1819. Archives Raleigh, N.C.

** "Polk Family & Kinsmen" Pres. Bradley & Gilbert Louisville, Ky. pp. 671-4 "Ency. Britannica" 1929; "Leonidas Polk" W.M. Polk Vol. I p. 7595. 1893 Copy 1915

Robert Polk, Jr., the fifth son of Captain Robert Bruce Pollock "was born in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1675. He was a planter and citizen; possessed a great force of character married in 1699 Grace Guillette. He died in 1727. His will was probated in Dorchester County February 21, 1725. His children were:

Thomas Polk

William Polk

Robert Polk, Jr. (or Robert III)

Mary Polk

Grace Polk

Three other daughters among whom was

Susan Ruth Polk born about 1717

Robert Polk II (above) was granted much land from Lord Baltimore some of which were called:

"Venture"; "Hazard"; "Forlorn Hope "; "Bally Hack".

"Moneen" in Ireland the Estate was willed to Joseph Pollock the youngest son of Captain Robert Bruce Pollock and his wife Magdalene Tasker Pollock.

The first Pollock is descended from Fulbert the Tanner in Normandy. Fulbert had a beautiful daughter Herleve (or Arletta) whom the Duke of Normandy loved. They had a son, William of Normandy, or William the Conqueror. He was born in 1027 and died in 1087.

Herleve's home was in Falaise Normandy. Robert the Duke induced the Norman baron to acknowledge William his successor as this Duke had no son. That is no legitimate son as heir. The father Duke of Normandy died in 1035. William was finally knighted early by King Henry I of France. The defeat by William of rebels at Val-es-Dunes near Caen in 1047 left William Master of the Duchy.

At Alencon he was taunted about his birth and for revenge he took Domfort a fortress.

In 1051 he visited England and in 1053 married Matilda, daughter of Baldwin Earl of Flanders.

Fulbert the Father of Herleve accompanied William the Conqueror to England "and engaged with him in the Battle of Hastings. Then he received from William a large grant in Scotland. It became known as the "Barony of Pollock".

"In 1073 the Renfrewshire of Pollock was held by 'Fulbert the Saxon!.."

"His son Petrus succeeded him. He was called 'Lord Baron Pollock' a benefactor of the Monastery of Paisley confirmed by Bishop of Glascow. Petrus equalled the Sovereign in wealth, rank power; the ancestor of

many brave warriors and Crusade Knights."

No doubt much has been revealed about the life of the Polk family because of the prominent citizens who are descendants of King Robert the Bruce, one of whom is, of course, our great United States President, James Knox Polk.

Susan Ruth Polk (Reese) was named in David Reese's will as, 'my Beloved Wife', Ruth Susan.

* "The respectably married-indeed brilliantly married Herleve, the Tanners daughter" was no longer questioned. William the Conqueror, her son, provided this great marriage dowry.

At one time David Reese had acquired so many acres of land that he was obliged to release about 900 acres to furnish territory to establish the new State of Tennessee.

He was long a Magistrate and member of the Mecklenburg Court from 1778 to 1786 when he resigned.

** He gave six sons to the service of the Revolution and for the "Gunpowder Explosion" he was twice called to account for the action being arrested with others. (See the account below). However, he was 65 years of

* "The Normans in Scotland" by R.L. Ritchie. Edinburg Press 1954 p. 139.

** "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol Winston-Salem

age at the time, hardly a man of such physical strength to be able to march along roads to plant explosives. He may have been in sympathy with the instigators of the plot, but hardly an aggressive doer.

His name is inscribed several times as an ardent Patriot; in the entrance to Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church and at the Charlotte County Court House.

* "David Reese had two brothers, Charles Reese and George Reese and two sisters, Esther and Ruth, all of whom remained in the North possibly in Pennsylvania. Esther married Mr. Mackay, a descendant of General Mackay of Scotland."

David Reese, Esq. died at the ripe old age of 77 on February 5, 1787 and was buried probably in Old McClure Cemetery, now impassable. Susan Ruth's death has not been recorded although her cousins, the Thomas Polks, were very prominent in North Carolina. William Polk was her first Cousin.

David Reese, Esq. named his son-in-law William Sharpe and his eldest son, James, as his Executors. As a last legal action, he deeded to James 150 acres April, 1787.

* "Gen. of the Reese Fam. "M.E. Reese Whittett & Shepperson, 1903

A I The Will of David Reese

February 5, 1787

"In the name of God Amen, I David Reese of the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, do this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord 1787 make and publish this my last willand Testament in manner following that is to say:

After all my just debts are paid--

First I give and bequeath unto my loving son-in-law William Sharpe of Rowan County and to my loving son James Reese all that free-hold in fee simple in the said county of Mecklenburg on Coddle Creek wherein I now live with allthe appurtenances thereunto belonging to hold to them the said Wm. Sharpe & James Reese their executors, administrators, or assigns from and immediately after my decease together with sixty acres or thereabouts adjoining or nearly adjoining the said Manor Plantation, as also an entry or claim to and for a smallprice piece of land lying between and adjoining the said sixty acre tract and my said Manor Plantation - Upon this special trust and confidence that they the said William Sharpe and James Reese or the survivor of them, do and shall permit RuthSusan, my dearly beloved

wife to have hold and enjoy allmy Manor Plantation and premises to them devised as aforesaid during her natural life and to take to her own use the rents, issues, and profits arising therefrom during her natural life, aforesaid she making no waste nor destructions thereon nor clearing any large quantity of land, and upon this further condition that she shall not rent, lease or farm out the said land without the advice of the said William Sharpe and James Reese or the survivor of them, and after the decease of my said wife or with her cheerful concurrence during her natural life and to take to her own use the rents, issues, and profits arising therefrom during her natural life aforesaid, she making no waste nor destructions thereon nor clearing any large quantity of land, and upon this further condition, that she shall not rent, lease or farm out the said land without the advice of the said William Sharpe and James Reese or the survivor of them; and after the decease of my said wife or with her cheerful concurrence during life, upon this further trust and confidence that they, the saidWilliam Sharpe and James Reese or the survivor of them shall sell the whole of the lands

herein demised with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging; or reasonable credit for the most money that can be obtained for the same and that the money so arising shall as soon as may be paid in the following manner namely ten pounds per annum to my beloved wife during her life; thirty pounds to my son, Charles; five pounds to my son James for his trouble in executing this Will. The remainder of the money arising as aforesaid to be equally divided between my sons, George and Solomon, but in case Solomon should choose his share in land, then his equitable share shall be laid off for him by my Executors inlieu of his share of the money above mentioned. To my grandson, Sidney Reese, I give and bequeath ten pounds to be paid out of the above mentioned fund, provided my wife and George and Solomon should agree on the matter, the George may likewise take his share in land, they first agreeing with my Executors to pay their Mother and other Legacies hereinbefore mentioned. I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife the largest Bay mare, her choice of a cow and calf, of three sheep and five hogs; also all my beds, clothes, household furniture and vessels of every kind within doors

(excepting such as is herein after bequeathed), to be divided equally at her decease among all my daughters who may be then alive. In case she should die intestate, my Executors shall be careful in making an equal distribution of the beds and furniture which is intended by the foregoing clause. To my daughter Ruth, I give and bequeath one feather bed and furniture with two cows and two calves; to my son Solomon, I give and bequeath a riding horse saddle; I give and bequeath that my just debts be paid out of the residue of my estate and the remainder equally divided between Solomon and Ruth and at my wife's decease, the books to be equally divided between Solomon and Ruth--That in case Solomon should die without a wife or issue, his share shall be equally divided between my sons James, David and Charles, and my grandson Thomas Reese Sharpe, Edwin Reese and Thomas Henry.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my son-in-law William Sharpe and James Reese to be the sole Executors of this my last willand Testament strictly charging them to execute the same according to the plain meaning thereof. In witness whereof I, the said David Reese have to this my last Will and Testament

set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the
said David Reese, the Testator as and for his last will
and Testament in presence of us who were present at
the signing and sealing thereof."

David Reese (SEAL)

James Campbell

Thomas Campbell

Certified Copy 1787, of the Mecklenburg County
Superior Court "Will Book "F" page 62" in office of
Clerk of Superior Court. Seal affixed by Mary S.
Poythress Assistant to the Clerk and Ex-Officio
Judge of Probate."

AI *The Family of David & Susan Ruth Polk Reese of
Mecklenburg County North Carolina;

AI David Reese and Susan Ruth Polk had 10 children:

BI James Polk Reese

B2 Dr. Thomas Reese

B3 Catharine Reese (Sharpe)

B4 David Tasker Reese was born in 1746, married Mary
Wilson S.C.

B5 Susan Polk Reese

B6 Charles Gullett Reese

B7 George Reese Lieut.

B8 Mary Joanna Reese (Harris)

B9 Solomon Trusten Reese

B10 Ruth Elizabeth Reese (Henry)

BI James Polk Reese, Revolutionary Captain, was born
in 1739 in Cecil County Maryland. He was an Elder in
Poplar Tent Church in '71. It is said that he was
present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence.**
He rendered service in the War and as Commissioner of
Confiscated Property in Mecklenburg County. He is
listed as living in Tennessee in 1793 and having 90

* "Pioneer Extraordinary, Chap.X "Anne Wilson Idol Winston-Salem.

** "Family papers of James & Elizabeth Brevard Reese
("Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol Winston-Salem);
"Original Will" of Sarah Brevard, Iredell Co.N.C.;
Accounts of U.S.-War of Rev.Bk."A" p.95.

acres of land as a grant from the U.S. The D.A.R. there lists his death as 1840 while that of the family Bible records of his wife's family, the Elizabeth Brevards, is November 17, 1828. James Polk Reese married Elizabeth Brevard, daughter of Sarah Brevard, prominent in the Declaration of Mecklenburg. They had 10 children. Among these were:

- CI Thomas Polk Reese
- C2 *Sidney Alexander Reese
- C3 Esther Mackay Reese
- C4 Margaret Tasker Reese
- C5 Charles Trusten Reese

**From Greene County Tennessee James Reese was present as a delegate reviewing the Articles for the consideration of a separate State of Franklin to take the place of the Association. This State was to be independent of the State of N.C. James Reese voted in the affirmative. This was the first Constitutional Convention of 1784. He was a member of the Franklin Association and served as Secretary of the Greeneville Convention, May 5, 1790 which recommended Sevier for Governor. "James Reese does not appear to aspire to

* Brevard Family Bible

** "The Press of the Pioneers" Sam. Cole Williams in "The Lost State of Franklin. "N.Y. 1933; "Roster & Soldiers" The Tenn. Soc. D.A.R. 1894-1960 p. 1338

political honors. He was the Father of Judge William B. Reese Justice of the Supreme Court and President of the East Tennessee University, now University of Tennessee."

C6 Judge William B. Reese

C7 Emily Reese (Bradford) Tenn. D.A.R.

C8 Mary Reese (Brayelton) Tenn.D.A.R.

C9 Nancy Reese (Martin) Tenn.D.A.R.

B2. Dr. Thomas Reese, son of David Reese, was born on July 1742 in Pennsylvania. He came to Mecklenburg County with his family when about 10 years of age. He married Jane Harris, daughter of Charles Sr. They had about 7 children: (See the following chapter on Dr. Thomas Reese)

C6. Judge William B. Reese family:

William Brown Reese was the son of Judge Reese. He married Emma Fredricka Rutledge, daughter of Frederick the 2nd. She was born in 1800. Frederick 2nd was buried in Flat Rock, North Carolina in the Church of St. John's Wilderness. Emma was the 6th child.

DI William Brown Reese, Jr. died October 24, 1891
aged 60.*

William Brown Reese, Sr., the Judge, is said to have been the son of James Reese, son of David Reese the Patriot of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. This is quoted in the Tennessee D.A.R. Roster of 1894-1960, page 1338. James Reese, son of David is quoted as having married Elizabeth Brown. The children listed as: Emily; Mary; Nancy; Judye; Dr. Joe Reese. In all of the other James Reese records, this author has not found the same reference to a Elizabeth Brown (Reese). When they were married is not available to this author. This marriage may have taken place but there is no record of it in the "Genealogy of the Reese family."

But the birth and death record of Tennessee D.A.R. is absolutely different from those of the "Genealogy of the Reese Family" record of Eleanor Reese, author, and of the Sarah Brevard record of Iredell County, North Carolina.

* "S.C. His. & Gen. Mag." Vol. 33

A I The Will of Sarah Brevard mother of Elizabeth
(Reese):

In the Name of God. Amen

I Sarah Brevard of Iredell County and State of North Carolina being well advanced in years but in sound mind and memory (thanks be to God) calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God in this life to bless me, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth all my wearing clothes.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary, a negro boy named Sandy.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Charlotte, a negro girl named Venus, and two cows and as much of the grain and forrage as will winter her stock and the one-half of my household and kitchen furniture.

I give and bequeath to my daughter, Prudence, the other half of my household and kitchen furniture and a cow and calf. To my son, Robert, I give a large Bible and to my grandson, Robert McKnitt, I give a negro child named Soloman.

All my property not otherwise disposed of I allow to be sold and the money to be applied to the following purposes.

It is my will that my Executors reserve a sum sufficient for the payment of all my own and my deceased husbands just debts and apply it to that purpose and the remainder to be equally divided among the following persons: Elizabeth Reese, Sarah King, John Huggins, Asseneth Houston, Jenny Hall, and Prudence Poor.

I do hereby appoint my son-in-law John Huggins and my son, Robert, to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do utterly disallow and disanul all and every other Testament, Will, Legacy, Bequeath and Executors by me in anyway before named willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 30th day of November, 1801.

her
Sarah X Brevard (SEAL)
mark

Signed sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said Sarah Brevard
as her last Will and Testament,

In presence of us
Elihu King, Jurat
A. C. Young

B 3 The Catherine Reese-William Sharpe family

"Catherine Reese, eldest daughter of David and Ruth Susan Polk (Reese), was born September 23, 1744 in Pennsylvania. She married Hon. William Sharpe who was born in Cecil County, Maryland, December 18, 1742. He was a distinguished Patriot, Aide-de-Camp to General Rutherford and member of Continental Congress. He was an executor of the will of David Reese, Esq.

Hon. William Sharpe was the son of Thomas Sharpe, Jr. and grandson of Thomas Sharpe, Sr. of Cecil County who appeared there in 1717.

** " Several sons of Thomas Sharpe, Jr. came to North Carolina and lived in Iredell County and Rowan County, and descendants are still there. One son married Jemima Alexander who died in Pennsylvania about the time of the French-Indian war. Jemima later came to North Carolina with her Alexander brothers; one being John McKnitt Alexander.

She had 3 sons and some daughters. E.M. Sharpe

* "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem; "Gen. of Reese Fam." M.E. Reese 1903 Whittett & Shepperson, Richmond, Va.

** "His. Rowan Co. "Rev. Jethro Rumple 1881 Eliz. Maxwell Steele D.A.R. J.H. Wheeler "Reminin. of N.C." 1884, Columbus O. Print Works.

wrote that "the sons John and James Sharpe came south and were in Tennessee in 1802 where they raised a large family in Rutherford County. I have corresponded with many of them."

Hon. William Sharpe had preserved the minutes of the Declaration of Independence of 1775; these were found and published by Prof. E.F. Rockwell. Wheeler in 1851 printed them in his "Sketches of North Carolina."

B3. Catherine Reese Sharpe died May 6, 1826 at "Belvedere" and Hon. William Sharpe died July 6, 1818, in Iredell County, North Carolina.

B3. *Children of Catherine Reese Sharpe, daughter of David Reese Esq., and Hon. William Sharpe of Mecklenburg:

C1 Matilda Sharpe (Erwin) who was born March 4, 1769. She married Col. William Willoughby Erwin (See below).

C2 Ruth Sharpe was born March 3, 1770. She married Andrew Caldwell. (See their children below).

C3 Thomas Reese Sharpe died on St. Simon's Island.

* "The Geneal. of the Reese Fam. "M.E. Reese 1903 Whittett & Shepperson, Richmond, Va.; Family Papers of Erwin Bible: Letter from E.M. Sharpe Memphis, Tenn; "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Idol from "27 Signers of the Declaration of Meck. by Victor C. King 1956 "Charlotte Arch. & Hist." N.C.

C4 Abner Sharpe was born October 1, 1772, married Mary L. Osborn. He died 1807.

C5 Elizabeth was born January 22, 1774, married Captain Starke.

C6 David, son of Hon. William sharpe, died.

C7 Elam Sharpe was born in 1777, married Elizabeth Miller. (See reference previous page.)

C8 Marcus Sharpe was born 2-22-1778, married Dorothy Todd.

C9 Cynthia Sharpe was born in 1780, married John Maguire.

C10 Elvira Sharpe was born July 1782, married David Caldwell

C11 Edwin Sharpe was born in 1783

C12 Carlos Sharpe was born in 1786

C1 The child of Matilda Sharpe and Colonel William Erwin:

D1 Edward Jones Erwin. He married Ann Elizabeth Phifer

C I *The Erwin-Sharpe Family

Matilda Sharpe Erwin, daughter of Catherine Reese Sharpe and granddaughter of David Reese, Esq. of Mecklenburg, married Colonel William Erwin. They had a son, Edward Jones Erwin, who was born March 24, 1806.

D1 Edward Jones Erwin married Ann Elizabeth Phifer and she was born December 3, 1814. They were married December 5, 1837.

Edward Jones Erwin was educated in the University of Georgia. He inherited 1500 acres on the John's River near the "Belvedere" mansion not far from Charleston in Morgantown County. He became a banker in that County and a County representative for Burke County in the Legislature.

E1 His son was George Phifer Erwin, great great grandson of David Reese, Esq. and Ruth Susan Polk (Reese), married Corinna Iredell Avery, great granddaughter of Waightstill Avery, signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as did David Reese, Esq.

* "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem, Chap. X. "Gen. of Reese Fam." M.E. Reese p. 76 Whittett & Shepperson '03, Richmond, Va. "7 Signers of Dec. of Ind" by Victor C. King 1956 in "Charlotte Arch. & Hist." N.C.
"Hist. Rowan County" Rev. Jethro Rumple 1881 Eliz. Maxwell Steele D.A.R. Salisbury N.C.J.J. Bruner Co. 1881 p. 143

E1 George Phiher Erwin graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina and served in the Civil War as Captain.

Ann Elizabeth Phiher (Erwin) died June 9, 1890.
Edward Jones Erwin had died in July 7, 1871.

The two grandmothers were buried side by side in "Belvedere."

C 2 *Children of Ruth Sharpe (and Andrew Caldwell):

D1 Franklin Caldwell

D2 Joseph P. Caldwell

D3 Dr. Elam Caldwell

D4 Catherine Caldwell. She married Joseph Wilson of Burke County

D5 Jennie Caldwell

D6 Mary Caldwell

Andrew Caldwell was the son of Judge David F. Caldwell.

* "The Gen. of the Reese Fam." by M.E.Reese, Richmond, Va. 1903 pp. 74-5.

B 4. *David Tasker Reese, son of David Reese, Esq. and Ruth Susan (Reese) was born in Pennsylvania in 1746. He was the fourth child and he served in the Revolutionary War in the Battle of King's Mountain. He was wounded and was sent south and taken prisoner on a British Ship (Torpay).

His father, David Reese, Esq., evidently lost track of him during his prison sentence for he was not mentioned in his father's will.

David Tasker Reese married Mary Wilson of Sumter, South Carolina, a prominent family. They raised eleven children:

- C1 Susan Gullet Reese
- C2 David Tasker Reese, Jr.
- C3 Catherine Reese
- C4 Matilda Reese
- C5 Ruth Alexander Reese
- C6 Robert Polk Reese
- C7 Caroline Reese, unmarried
- C8 Mary Wilson Reese
- C9 George Sidney Reese
- C10 Dorcus Reese

* "Gen. of the Reese Fam." M.E. Reese, p. 120

C11 Marcus Evander Reese? Was born November 18, 1798.

*He married Dorothy C. West who was born April 20, 1795. They married August 9, 1821. They had a daughter:

D1 Mary Ann Reese who was born August 10, 1822, died April 11, 1874. She married Hugh Franklin McKnight who was born February 9, 1811, died July 21, 1856. Her sister Cynthia Caroline married Robert Allison Johnston.

B 5 Susan Polk Reese, daughter of David Reese and Susan Polk Reese was born on February 17, 1792. She was unmarried. She did a great deal of charity.

B 6 Charles Gullet Reese, son of David and Susan Polk Reese, was born in North Carolina. He left home at an early age and went to live with the Cherokee Indians. He learned their language and married an Indian Princess Adair descendant of the Boudinot family.

His nephew, David Addison Reese, found the boy and offered to educate him.

* Letter from Mable Lee McKnight to author 9-12-1962 re Marcus Reese.

*Charles Gullet Reese was a Revolutionary soldier. Afterwards he dealt with the Indians and made a fortune. His heirs lived in Talequah. His son was educated in college and he studied law. This son, Henry Dobson Reese, married a wealthy Indian and he was sent to negotiate with the Indians in Washington, D. C.

C1 Henry D. Reese's wife proved faithless and he died, leaving his fortune to a nephew.

* "The Geneal. of the Reese Fam." Mary E. Reese 1903 Whittett & Shepperson, Richmond, Va. p. 120; "Pioneer Extraordinary" by Ann Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem, Chap.X p. 101

*B 7 Children of George Reese, son of David and Susan Ruth Polk (Reese):

C1 Horatio Reese

C2 Charles Milton Reese

C3 Mary Story Reese (Cherry)

C4 Susan Polk Reese (Harris)

C5 David Addison Reese

C6 George Reese, Jr.

C7 Thomas Sidney Reese

C8 James Elihu Reese

C9 Edwin Reese married Sarah Ann Lewis

C10 Esther Ann Reese married David Meriwether

C11 Dr. Alexander Hamden Reese married Jane Cherry

(See below for the children)

B 7. George Reese, son of David Reese, Esq. of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was born in 1753 in Pennsylvania. He married Anna Story, daughter of Charles and Mary Alexander (Story) on January 20, 1785.**Anna Story was related to the prominent Story family of Sumter, South Carolina.

* "The Gen. of the Reese Fam. "M.E.Reese p. 135;
"Pioneer Extraordinary" by Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem, N.C. Chap. X. "Lives & Times of 27 Signers" by Victor C. King, 1956.

**"Geneal. of the Reese Fam."M.E.Reese; "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem, N.C.

They had ten children. He served in the Revolution as Lieutenant. He served under General Lincoln in the "Snow Campaign" at Bean's Station Tennessee.* At the end he contracted pneumonia-rheumatism.

George Reese was active in Old Stone Church and helped to build the Church** His brother, Dr. Thomas Reese, was the Pastor.

Lieut. George Reese was "well educated in the Classics and in Church history...always ready to defend. His noted bravery and nobility of character made him a popular officer...He was a planter and reared his children on a farm noted for raising the finest wheat in the district."

Lieut. George Reese died in November 9, 1837 and sleeps beside his favorite brother, Dr. Thomas Reese, in Old Stone Cemetery.

The Story family were of French Huegonot ancestry. They emigrated to America in the 16th century and settled in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

C2 ***Dr. Charles Milton Reese, son of George, was born on January 22, 1788. He was married three times:

* Rev. War Pension Applic. File #W8545 Nat'l Arch. Wn.D.C.
** "The Old Stone Church" Richmond. Newman Brackett. PH.D. Clemson Coll. p. 162. 1905.
*** "N.C. Hist. & Gen. Rec." Vol. II, Jan. 1933 No. 1
Clarence Griffen, Forest City, N.C. p. 138.

I. Annie Miller from Philadelphia. Her brother, Edwin Miller built the Pa. Railroad. A son of Annie and Dr. Charles Milton Reese was Hon. William Miller Reese. He lived in Pendleton.

C2 Dr. Charles M. Reese then married Lucy Watkins Meriweather. They had two children. Their son:
D1 Anderson Reese married a rich lady.

Dr. Charles M. Reese studied medicine. He was a surgeon in the Naval Station in Philadelphia. He moved to Athens, Georgia and studied law at Harvard Law School. His early education was in Pendleton at the Academy. He walked 4 miles to school. He learned Greek and Latin and married for the third time, Eliza Girdine.

C3 Mary Story Reese, daughter of George Reese, was born April 17, 1790. She married David Cherry, on January 1817. Their daughter:

D1 Susan Ann Cherry

D2 George Reese Cherry, son of Mary Story R. Cherry(p.135)

Mary Story Reese Cherry died in 1875. She and David Cherry are buried in Old Stone Cemetery.

C4 Susan Polk Reese, daughter of George Reese was born February 17, 1792. She married Nathaniel Harris of a prominent North Carolina family. He was a planter

who died leaving 4 small children. They had two sons:

D1 Edwin Handy Reese who married Lafayette Borland of Alabama.

D2 Dr. Reese Harris married Mary Chester. They had three children:

E1 Louisiana married James Field

E2 William Chaster Harris (grandson of Susan Polk Reese), son of Dr. Reese Harris was killed in 1864.

E3 Susan Reese Harris, daughter of Dr. Reese Harris and Mary Chester married Ernest Allen.

C5 David Addison Reese, son of George and Anna Story (Reese) practiced medicine in Georgia. He married Mary Gaines Meriwether in 1819. He was born March 3, 1794 in Charlotte. He was educated by the famous Dr. Waddell. He represented Jasper County, Georgia in the State Senate. In 1831 he was appointed by President Jackson as Commissioner to treat with the Indians. His wife died at age 40 in Monticello, Georgia. He died December 16, 1871. They had four children:

D1 Francis Meriwether Reese *

D2 Anna Story Reese married Henry Glover, a
second wife.

D3 George Reese

D4 Rebecca Mathews Reese married Isaac N. Harvey
of Alabama

D1 Francis M. Reese was born February 7, 1822
in Monticello. He attended the University of Virginia
and Yale. He married Mary T. Hardaway in Warren
County, Georgia. They had two children:

E1 Anna Martha Reese

E2 Mary Meriwether Reese married William B.
Frazer at Auburn, Alabama, November, 1878.

D2 Anna Story Reese daughter of Dr. David
Addison Reese married Henry Glover of Monticello. They
had four children.

D3 George Reese married Mary Sowell Woolfork
of Alabama. Children:

E1 David Addison Reese

E2 William Frank Reese

E3 Annie Rebecca Reese married William Carson
Jackson. She was a member of the D.A.R. "Light Horse
Harry Lee Chapter, Auburn, Alabama.**

* "N.C.His. & Gen. Rec." Vol. II Jan. 1933 #1 Clarence Griffin
Forest City, N.C.; "Gen. of the Reese Fam." M.E. Reese
1903 pp. 169, 185

** "Gen. of the Reese Family" M.E. Reese 1903, pp. 201, 204, 285

C6 George Reese, Jr., son of George and Anna Story
(Reese)

C7 Thomas Sidney Reese was born August 12, 1799.

C8 James Elihu Reese married Lucy Allison

*C9 Edwin Reese, son of George Reese, married Sarah Ann Lewis. They had a daughter Mary Eleanor Reese, author of "The Genealogy of the Reese Family". Sarah Ann Lewis (Reese) died at Auburn, Alabama, January 23, 1865 in the 56th year of her life. (p. 285-288). "She is descended from the General Robert Lewis family who landed in America at Virginia in 1600's. Lewis was descended from Sir Edward Lewis of Brecon Wales. General Robert "was the first of the family to receive a grant from the Crown of 33,000 acres of land in Gloucester County, Virginia."

C10 Esther Ann Reese, daughter of George Reese, Sr.

C11 Alexander Hamden Reese was born in July 12, 1810. He died in 1868.

George Reese, Sr. was one of the Executors of the will of Robert Anderson, Esq. of Pendleton, South Carolina.

*See p 272 Index - Child of Edwin Reese

Vital Records of George Reese and Anna Story

Births of the Children:

Horatio Reese (Horace) born April 8, 1786

Charles Milton Reese born January 22, 1788

Mary Story Reese born April 17, 1790

Susan Polk Reese born February 17, 1792

David Addison Reese born March 3, 1794 at home of David

Esq.

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George Reese Jr. born September 17, 1793

Thomas Sidney Reese born August 12, 1799

James Elihu Reese born July 12, 1802

Edwin Reese born July 17, 1804

Esther Ann Reese born January 1, 1807

Alexander Hamden Reese born July 12, 1810

Marriages:

Horatio (Horace) married Margaret Carter February 14, 1811

Charles Milton married 1. Annie Miller, 2. Lucy Meriwether,

Eliza Gerdine 1833

Mary Story Reese married David Cherry, January, 1817

Susan Polk Reese married Nathaniel Harris, September, 1817

David Addison Reese married Mary Meriwether, December, 1819

Thomas Sidney Reese married Susan McGregor, March, 1827

James Elihu Reese married Lucy Allison, 1843

Edwin Reese married Sarah A. Lewis, May 13, 1834

Esther A. Reese married David Meriwether, January 11, 1823

Alexander Hamden Reese married Jane Cherry, May 27, 1834

B8 Mary Joanna Reese, the daughter of David and Susan Ruth Polk Reese, was born at Charlotte, North Carolina on 1754, on Coddle Creek now Cabarrus County. She was the eighth child. She married Robert Harris, a descendant of Richard Harris, a famous patriot.

B8 They had five children:

C1 Susan Polk Reese

C2 Robert Harris

C3 James Tasker Harris

C4 Thomas Reese Harris

C5 Sidney Harris

The Author of "The Genealogy of the Reese Family," Mary E. Reese (daughter of Edwin and Sarah Ann Lewis (Reese), wrote that she lost tract of Mary Joanna Reese (Harris).

B9 Solomon Trusten Reese was the ninth and youngest son of David and Susan Ruth Polk (Reese); was born on the Manor Plantation on Coddle Creek, North Carolina. He also served in the War of the Revolution. His wife was Harriett Jack, sister of James Jack of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, who carried the Mecklenburg Declaration to Congress, then assembled in Philadelphia. Solomon Reese and his family moved to Tennessee.

B10 Ruth Elizabeth Reese was the youngest child of David Reese and was also born on the Manor Plantation on Coddle Creek.

"She married into the distinguished Henry Family of Virginia. She, her husband and children made their home in Virginia."

So far, no one of the present California Reese family has any record of the Ruth E. Reese (Henry) family of Virginia.

Mary Eleanor Reese in "The Genealogy of the Reese Family" notes three children of Ruth Elizabeth Reese (Henry):

C1 Thomas Henry (named in the will of David Reese, Esq.)

C2 Ruth Reese Henry

C3 David Patrick Henry

David Reese in his will names: "My Grandson Thomas Henry".

"The Gunpowder Plot" of Old Ninety-Six

The Plot by the Black Boys of Cabarrus

The Arrest of David Reese

November 7, 1778

*"Provincial Congress Report"

"Whereas information on oath hath been made and laid before this Congress (Tuesday, November 7, 1775 Charles-Town District South Carolina) that on or about the third day of this instant in November, at or near a place called the Ridge in Ninety-Six District, Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hug Brown, David Reese, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green with sundry other persons, about sixty in number, did by force of arms, rob a certain waggon in the service of the Public, feloniously taking therefrom a quantity of lead and sundry kegs of gunpowder, containing about 1,000 weight intended as presents for the Cherokee Indians; and the above persons, having at first disarmed a party of Rangers who escorted the said waggon, did violently carry off the said powder and lead to the great loss and damage of the public, in violation of public peace and in open contempt of the public authority; thereby exposing the Frontier inhabitants of the Colony to the depredation and horrors of an Indian War, and

* PP.101, 102-104;106-107 "Provincial Congress Report"
Charles-Town, November 9, 1775. to Col. Thom Fetchall

whereas there is an absolute necessity of crushing such dangerous attempts to destroy the peace of the Colony by bringing such atrocious offenders to condign punishment,

Resolved that the bodies of the said Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reese, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green and their aids and abettors, ought forewith to be apprehended and under a strong guard conveyed to Charles-Town to be tried for their offense and every endeavor ought to be used to recover the gunpowder and lead feloniously taken in violation of the public peace and contemptuously taken as aforesaid:

Ordered that Col. Richard Richardson do assemble and march six companies of the Rangers; Captain Ezekiel Polk's Company of Volunteers; draughts of Militia from Col. Richardson, Col. Will Thomson, Col. John Savage's, Col. Thos. Nell's, and Col. John Thomases Regiments of Militia and such troops pursue such instruction as shall from time to time by order of the Congressor to the Council of Safety for the time being be signified to him by the President."

"Ordered that Mr. President be desired to prepare proper instructions for Col. Richardson to be laid before the Congress tomorrow morning. Adjourned to nine o'clock tomorrow morning."

* The Trial Charles-Town, November 9, 1775. PP 106-107

"To Col. Thomas Fetchall & Messrs. William Henry Drayton President: I now make requisition that the said Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, David Reese, Nathaniel Howard and Henry Green together with their aids and abettors be by you or one of you surrendered and delivered up to the authority of Congress in order that they may be tried for their offense against the authority. By order of the Congress." Signed,

William Henry Drayton, President

** In 1771, Moses Alexander wrote a letter to Governor Tryon that the gunpowder of 1,000 pounds had been exploded upon his property.

According to D. A. Tompkins in "History of Mecklenburg", Moses Alexander was High Sheriff of the newly formed Cabarrus County.

In the letter some men who had signed the letter said that they pretended to be just boys.

"Then a petition for pardon was asked, which was granted the Signers among others were:

* "The History of Mecklenburg, City of Charlotte" D.A. Tompkins, 1904.

** "History of Mecklenburg" D.A. Tompkins, 1903, Vol. II, Printers Obs. Printing House, Charlotte, pp. 61-63; Vol. I p. 30.

James Harris; David Caldwell; some of the "Black Boys" were faithful soldiers of the Revolution."

About this time, Dr. Thomas Reese, the son of David R. Reese, a Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration, was preaching in the Providence Presbyterian Church. But at the same time Dr. Reese and his father were meeting with the groups who later, were instrumental in resolving the difficulties of presenting clear cut grievances. Thomas Reese wrote many articles for the publicly displayed "newsprint", inciting the citizens to patriotism.

During the Revolution and before, they helped to furnish arms and distribute them.

It took five years to have this law suit come to trial. But success crowned the struggles of the "Black Boys"; their names are enscribed upon the Monument at Charlotte Court House.

"A History of the Shire of Renfrew", 1034-1818 home of the Upper Pollocks (Polks) by George Crawford and George Robertson.

The Castle of Upper Pollock:

"Sir Robert Pollock demolished the old tower and built a stately large house.

"This Ancient Family have been possessed of these lands for many ages, and derive their known descent from one Peter the son of Fulbert who assumed both Surname and Designation from his hereditary lands...I have seen him designed 'Petrus de Pollock, filius Fulberti'. He is an early donor to the Monastery of Pasly...which donation is confirmed by Joceline Bishop of Glasgow who died in 1199. The same Petrus de Pollock is witness in a Charter by King William of the lands of Burgen...He is also witness with Robertus, filius Fulberti, his brother to the confirmation of the Kirks of Bute, to the Abby of Pasly by a Allan the son of Walter."

"Whose successor Robert of Pollock, son of another Robert mortifies to the Monks of Pasly"...which donation is in the reign of King Alexander II".

"I have also seen Petrus de Pollock in 1296 mentioned as one of the Scots Barons that gave allegiance to Edward I of England by Prin in his 'History of that Prince' also 'In the Reign of King Robert II'".

"John Pollock son and heir of Robert Pollock of that ilk by Agnes his wife daughter of Sir John Maxwell of Mearns obtained a Charter of his lands of Pollock from the said Sir John Maxwell his grandfather, "therein designed 'Johanne de Pollock filio & haerede Roberti de

Pollock' & 'Agnetae Maxwell filiae dicti Domini Johannis Maxwell' and is dated in the year 1372."

Charles Pollock his successor obtained a Charter of his lands of Pollock from Robert Lord Maxwell 1486."

Charles married Margaret Stewart... and had 2 sons John and David successively Lords of Pollock. Charles Pollock died in 1508. John succeeded him as his heir; but David Pollock obtained a Charter to the land of Pollock 1523 and died 1543 leaving son John and wife Marion daughter of William Stewart.

The son John son of David and Marion, descended to the Pollocks of Balgray. This John married Margaret daughter of Gabriel Semple of Cathcart and died in 1567. He had a son John and heir married Janet daughter of Milliam Mure of Glanderstown.

The issue John married Maud daughter of Sir Neil Montgomery of Langstoun and 2. married Dorothea Stewart daughter of James Stewart. John assisted Lord Maxwell his cousin at Lockerby 1593. Robert son and heir by Dorothea Stewart married Jean. Their issue Robert died 1675. His son Robert married Jean daughter of Cornelius Crawford (Author of this paper) of Jordan Hilland Mary his wife. Mary was the daughter of Sir James Lockart of Lee.

This last Robert was one of the Commissioners of the Scots Parliament at Westminster.

"This last Robert was also advanced to the degree of a Baronet in 1703 by Her Present Majesty".

"This County came... to be designed The Barony of Renfrew and was the chief part of the Patrimony of the great Stewart of Scotland and after the accession of that illustrious Family to the Crown the Barony of Renfrew was dissolved from... Lanerk and erected into a distinct Sheriffdom by King Robert III when he erected the Ancient Patrimony of his Ancestors."

The original Charter was dated 'Perth 10th December 1404'".

"The Armorial bearing of Pollock of that ilk is Vert a Saltyre Gules; betwixt 3 bugles; or; Stringed of the Second; supported by 2 ratches; and for Crest a Boar pierced with a Dart & this Motto 'Audacter et Strenue'." *

The Pollock or Polk family of America descends from this same Family.

See, "Polk Family and Kinsmen" by W.H. Polk, PP. 671-674.

* From 1034-1710 "A History of the Shire of Renfrew" written by George Crawford; 1818 by George Robertson. Publisher John Smith & Sons, Glasgow, pp 10, 37-39.

CHAPTER A 2

DR. THOMAS REESE OF SALEM CHURCH

A 2 Dr. Thomas Reese

Son of David Reese, Mecklenburg

Dr. Thomas Reese, son of David and Susan Ruth Polk (Reese) was born in Pennsylvania in 1742. In 1752 when Thomas was ten years of age, the family with their eight children moved from *the New Munster region in Pennsylvania, to Coddle Creek, North Carolina. This district was then in Anson County. "This part of Anson County became the newly formed County of Mecklenburg in 1762."

The Manor Plantation was located just outside of Concord and not far from Poplar Tent Church where David Reese and his sons and sons-in-law were elders.

Thomas Reese began the study of the Classics under Reverend James Alexander here. This was the only school for the District for miles.

Not far away on the Rocky River District lived the Charles Harris Esq. family whose estate was called "Mill Grove." The two families attended the same churches-- Rocky River and Poplar Tent--and the parents and sons were involved in the success of the signing of the Declaration of Mecklenburg.**

* "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol, Winston-Salem, N.C. "Charlotte Archives & History"; M.E. Reese "Gen. of Reese Fam".

** "Historical Sketch of Poplar Tent Church" William S. Harris; "Wheeler's "History of N.C." Vol. 1, p. 70. "Woodward's History of Wales" Pedigree of Reese; "Landed Gentry "Burke.

In 1768 Thomas Reese graduated from Princeton and was admitted to the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in 1773. He married Jane Harris, daughter of Charles Harris Esq. that year. In 1773, he began preaching and was ordained over the Salem Church. (Dr. Hume) "He received the degree of D.D. from Princeton in 1794, "the first Carolinian so honored."

"In 1793 Dr. Reese moved to Pendleton, South Carolina, where he was the first pastor of Old Stone Presbyterian Church and of Carmel Church."

* "Hopewell (Keowee), better known in later years as "The Old Stone Church" ... appears first October 1789. A few of their number are wealthy ... among whom are General Andrew Pickens, and General Robert Anderson, two of its first Elders ... It is associated with Carmel Church, usually sharing the same pastor. In December 1792 ... the Reverend Thomas Reese of Salem Church Black River Sumter County, having lost his health in the Low Country and desiring the mountain climate, moved his family to Pendleton District."

** "Dr. Reese died in 1796 and was the first person buried in Hopewell churchyard. His eminence speaks for itself in the words on his grave ... in the Church

* "So Lives a Dream" Pearl S. McFall, Comet Press N.Y.1953.
** "History of S.C. "David M. Ramsey pp 505-6 1809

of Salem on Black River in S.C. he there began and completed his admired Essay on, "The Influence of Religion in Civil Society". It is preserved in "Carey American Museum" (A periodical found in the Archives of U.C. in Berkeley, California), and will be an honorable testimony to Posterity of the Literature of Carolina in 1788. It procured for the Author the well-merited degree of D.C. from Princeton College."

A 2 Dr. Thomas Reese

Pastor & Writer of Note

Dr. Thomas Reese, son of the Patriot of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, David Reese, was imbued his whole life with the desire for a classical education. He forfeited his claim to his Father's estate in North Carolina for the finest education he could obtain at Princeton, being rewarded with a D.D. a few years before his death in 1796, for his Essay on "The Influence of Religion in Civil Society." This Essay was evidently started about the time he received his A.B. Degree in 1768, for it was a profound work.

This work was lost for years until the Author of this paper found the complete work in weekly editions of Mathew Carey's "The American Museum", a publication

issued in 1790. The Author hopes to copy these instalments to be re-printed before too many days. This work is found in the Archives Department of the University of California's Reference Library, at Berkeley.

Dr. Reese took charge of Salem, Black River Church in 1773. "Destruction must have been the fate also of the wooden church at Salem, Black River, for the pastor, the Reverend Dr. Thomas Reese went into exile in North Carolina and his Congregation was pillaged and murdered by the Tories under the notorious Harrison Brothers. Soon after the close of hostilities, the Reverend Thomas Reese had returned to Salem, Black River where he opened his School and taught several boys who were preparing for the ministry. The Essay ... was so highly regarded by theologians that Princeton University, where the Author had graduated twenty years earlier, conferred upon him the degree of Divinity said to have been the first honor ever bestowed upon a Carolinian."

An interesting item by Pearl S. McFall states that: "The people living east of Black River found they were too far away from a court house, so in 1792 Claremont and Clarendon were shorn of their property to form Salem County ... David Reese, for five pounds fifteen shillings conveyed from his tract home, six acres on the west side of Taylor's Swamp for the Court House of the

Town of Salem."

This David Reese must have been David Tasker Reese, the son of David Reese of Mecklenburg, who married Mary Wilson of South Carolina, for David Reese the elder, died in 1787.

In Pendleton County, South Carolina,* "Hopewell (Keowee) remained still associated with Carmel. The two ... are in what was Pendleton County, a tract of land about forty miles square ceded by Cherokees ... May 1777 ... so rapidly settled that when the census was taken by Congress ... five years after, contained about 9500; it was 10,000 by 1793 ... In December 1792, in consequence of an invitation from these two churches, the Reverend Reese removed his family into the bounds of Carmel congregation ... Carmel ... with 6 families and Hopewell, 40."

Reverend Howe then quotes a speech by Dr. Reese:

"We have copied this as a description of these congregations by their Pastor and a witness contemporary with the times ... It is a favorable specimen of the style of this eminent Clergyman who was probably the most finished writer of that day in our portion of the

* "Hist. of the Pres. Church in S.C." Geo. Howe Vol. I 1780-1790 pp 559-560 & 636-640.

Church. The birth parentage and earlier life of Dr. Reese have been quoted on pages 411, 492, 493, from a memoir by Dr. Witherspoon of Alabama and forwarded for our use. Among his unpublished manuscript were specimens of poetic talent highly creditable. His farewell sermon to his congregation in Salem was published at the request of his Church and is still possessed by some of the members and esteemed for the excellent advice it contains.

"Dr. Reese was in person, easy of access, a friend to human nature but particularly attached to men of science and religion, with powers of mind equal to his benevolence and piety; he justly held a conspicuous place among eminent and good men.

"As proof of the deference paid to his talents by his brethren in religious assemblies, he was selected by some leading men ... on a certain occasion to repel the charges brought by the Reverend W. C. Davis in a discourse preached before that Body in which he (Davis) denounced all his fellow Christians who owned slaves. This reply of Dr. Reese met the entire approbation of the Presbytery and greatly mortified Davis, this early advocate of abolition in 1794 ... Dr. Reese's theological opinions were founded on the authority of the Scriptures.

"His appearance in the pulpit was graceful and

dignified, his style flowing and elegant. He was in the habit of writing out his sermons with great care and seldom, if ever, took the manuscript in the pulpit. His preaching was of the extempore kind ... his flowing tears and often suppressed voice told the feelings of the heart ...

*Dr. Reese was also a lover of Sacred music, and was careful to have his congregation instructed well ... his own melodious voice filled God's Court with sounding praise."

"He superintended a small farm and attended to a large Classical school ... he evinced his benevolence by visiting the sick and afflicted and relieving the wants of the poor and needy. Having read many medical authors and being conversant with physicians, he had acquired a knowledge of Southern diseases ... imparted spiritual and medical aid.

"Attacked with hydrothorax ... he did not lie down for weeks previous to his death ... and died in 1796".

In "Life of Marion", Chancellor James of South Carolina tells of J. R. Witherspoon in Greensboro, Alabama in September 6, 1851:

* "Hist. of the Pres. Ch. in S.C. "Geo. Howe Vol. I 1780-90 pp 560 & 636-640

"About Hopewell and Carmel, Twenty-Three Mile Creek; a petition to the Reverend Presbytery of South Carolina to set forth in Nazareth, the 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1851:

'The remonstrance and petition of the United Congregations of Hopewell, Carmel ... humbly sheweth: That we are left destitute ... by the death of Rev. Thomas Reese ... we therefore make known our destitute condition to your reverend Body.!!."

Signed, "Robert Anderson; John Wilson; Robert McCann; Robert Henderson and Andrew Pickens."

A 2 The Children of Dr. Thomas & Jane Harris (Reese):

B 1 Dr. Edwin Tasker Reese was born March 24, 1774

B 2 Thomas Sidney Reese

B 3 Dr. Elihu Harris Reese

B 4 Leah Reese (Taylor)

B 5 Lydia Reese (Fin^dley)

B 6 Henry Dobson Reese (See below)

B 7 Susan Polk Reese (Cherry)

A 2 *The Family of Dr. Thomas & Jane Harris (Reese):

B I Dr. Edwin Tasker Reese first child was graduated from Princeton College with first honors. He had a school for boys and he never married. In the "Harris Letters" of Charles Wilson Harris it was noted that Reese and Harris were first cousins. They often corresponded.

B 2 Thomas Sidney Reese, son of Dr. Thomas Reese, was born October 30, 1775. He was killed in a duel by a relative. Before this he had graduated from Princeton in law. He practiced law in Pendleton. In his Will he bequeathed to his brother Henry Dobson Reese, "My dividend of the land on which my Mother lives." He also left to his other brother, Dr. Edwin T. Reese "One tract of land containing 100 acres situate on 20 Mile Creek."

B 3 Dr. Elihu Harris Reese was born on February 22, 1777. He graduated in medicine and died in Charleston from yellow fever.

B 4 Leah Reese was born on December 1, 1779. She married Major Samuel Taylor, Jr., son of Major Samuel Taylor, who was a Patriot of the Revolution. Major

* Letter from Henry D. Reese to son Dr. Sidney Reese.
Add. Author 1735 104th Ave. Oakland, California

Samuel Taylor, Jr. was born on January 3, 1777 and was a legislator in Alabama. Leah Reese (Taylor) died on September 30, 1833. She was buried in Eutaw, Alabama. (See below).

B 5 Lydia Reese, daughter of Dr. Thomas Reese, was born June 15, 1780-1. She married twice; William Finley who was killed; then John Martin. (See below)

B 6 Henry Dobson Reese was born on March 15, 1782 (See next chapter).

B 7 Susan Polk Reese was born July 21, 1790. She married Samuel Cherry. They had 12 children.

Below are some of them: (on p. 54 B 1)

B 4 Children of Leah Reese & Major Samuel Taylor, Jr.:

C 1 Harriett Taylor married Edmund Bacon of Virginia

C 2 Thomas Reese Taylor married Hannah Longmire

C 3 Samuel Taylor III married Narcissa Watkins

C 4 Drusilla Taylor born March 9, 1808 married

Grief Richardson. They had five children.

One, Taylor, married Chambers McAdory of Ala.

C 5 Reese Taylor married Virginia Clarico of Va.

C 6 Dr. William Taylor married Lide White

Hist. of Old Pendleton Dist. "R.W. Simpson & Rob't Thompson Oulla Press 1913 Anderson, S.C.

C 7 John Taylor married Eleanor White

Major Taylor, Jr. had three brothers and two sisters:

John Taylor

Joseph Taylor

William Taylor

Dilly Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor

The Taylor family came from England in 1658, going first to Virginia then South. They were related to Zachary Taylor.

The grave of Major Samuel Taylor, Sr. was located by this Author at the rear of the Dave Watson Estate on Lewis Road in Clemson, South Carolina.

Major Taylor, Jr. moved with his family to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1817, where he was a member of the Legislature. He was a Major in the War of 1812.

B 5 Lydia Reese

*B 5. Lydia Reese (Findley) was the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Jane Harris (Reese). She was born on June 15, 1780-1 probably in Sumter County, S.C. where Dr. Reese was a pastor in the Salem Black River Church.

* Letter to Author from Martin Family.

She married John Findley of South Carolina. They had three children:

C 1 William Findley

C 2 Jane Findley (See below)

C 3 Elvira Findley

Jane Findley married Mr. Peyton King March 7, 1824. Mr. King was born in Halifax, Virginia in 1795. He was a State Senator in 1830 in Alabama.

John Findley, husband of Lydia Reese (Findley), was killed in an accident. He died in Elyton Jefferson Co., Alabama in 1823.

Lydia Findley then married John Martin. They had a son:

C 4 John Martin, Jr. He married Sarah Kilpatrick.

John Martin Sr.'s father came from France to aid in the Revolution. He was a Captain in the 5th Regiment in the Continental line.

Lydia Findley was mentioned in the will of General Robert Anderson (See it below).

C 5 Lewis Martin married Miss Marshall*

* "The Geneal. of the Reese Fam. M.E. Reese 1903 Whittet & Shepperson Richmond, Va.

The Will of Major Samuel Taylor, Sr.

Will Book C 1795-Roll #727

Pendleton County S.C.

"To my Beloved Wife, Elenor Taylor (Bequeathed several Negroes) Support ... the Plantation wherein I now live on the East side of the Seneca River. Also the use of a room on the East end of the House commonly called "Hers" during her life or widowhood, one bed and furniture, a horse and saddle, bridles, and kitchen furniture.

Item. "To my beloved sons, John and Samuel Jr., I bequeath a tract of land in Abbeville County on the Savannah River with a tract adjoining it lately purchased of Joseph Sanders, to be equally divided between the two.

Item. "To John B. Earle, I bequeath the land on the West side of the Seneca River above the mouth of Seneca Creek and adjoining the said Creek and River, provided he, the said Earle make titles to my son William Taylor to the tract of land granted to his wife and adjoining the tract of land where I now live, Eastwardly ...

Item. "To my beloved son, William, I bequeath the land where now live on the East side of Seneca River.

Item. "To my beloved son, Joseph, I bequeath all that traxct of land on the West side of Seneca River below the mouth of Seneca Creek opposite where I now live with the lands adjoining it ...

Item. "To my beloved son, John, I bequeath one Negro boy, named Henry with a bay horse called "His" ---"

Item. "To my beloved daughter Dilly, one Negro wench, Molly and one Tinch."

Item. "To my granddaughter, Hannah Earle, I bequeath one Negro Marian ..."

Item. "All other ... to be sold and then equally divided between sons Samuel Jr., Joseph, William and daughters, Dilly and Elizabeth."

My Executors, John Taylor, Andrew Pickens, William Steele.

April 20, 1798 the year the 22nd of Independence of the U.S."

Signed by Samuel Taylor

(Copied by the Author.)

Witnesses:

James Wood, Robert Glenn, Sarah Pickens.

Recorded in Will Book C 126 June 27, 1798.

Major Samuel Taylor, Jr., and his wife Leah Reese (Taylor) were buried in Eutaw, Alabama.

- B 7 Children of Susan Polk Reese (Cherry) & Samuel
Cherry:*
- C 1 Robert M. Cherry married Caroline Crenshaw
- C 2 James Alvin Cherry married Mary Elizabeth Reese
August 1832
- C 3 Samuel Sidney Cherry unmarried
- C 4 William Blakly Cherry married Sarah Lewis. He was
a Dentist
- C 5 Jane Adelaide Cherry married Dr. A. H. Reese.
Residence, Ga.
- C 6 Edwin Augustus Cherry
- C 7 Sarah Ann Cherry married Jonathan Smith of the
Civil War
- C 8 Elihu Cherry married Edmonia Schull. He was a
Major.
- C 9 John Calhoun Cherry unmarried
- C 10 Mary Elvira Cherry married Elijah McKinley
- C 11 Charles Henry Cherry unmarried
- C 12 Thomas Reese Cherry married his cousin Mary Reese
Harris

*. "The Geneal. of the Reese Fam. "By M. E. Reese
Whittett & Shepperson Richmond, Va. 1903; Reese
Fam. Letters. Add. Mrs. C. J. Reyes 1735 104th
Ave. Oakland 3, Calif; "His. of Old Pendleton.
R.W. Simpson & Robt. Thompson Oulla Press 1913
Anderson S.C.

Excerpts from the will of Dr. Thomas Reese D.D. 1796:

"And it is my will that no spiritious liquor be used at my funeral; but at least this should be thought to proceed from a covetous temper, my executors are hereby directed to take as much money out of my estate as they suppose might have been sufficient for the purchase of said liquor, and bestow on those whom they deem real objects of charity; & as to those wordly goods which God in His goodness hath been pleased to bless me, it is my will that they be disposed of in the following manner & form:

Imprimis--"To my kind faithful & dearly beloved wife, Jane Reese I give & devise one Negro Lad named Mosey one Wench named Rose & a girl named Hannah, to be hers during life & to be disposed of at her death as she may think fit--also $1/3$ that part of my land which lies on the North side of 23 Mile Creek during her widowhood which third shall include my present dwelling house & 20 Acres at East of Cleared Land. It is moreover my will that she have the use & remain in the quiet possession of all that part of my land which lies on the N. side of 23 Mile Creek & of the buildings thereon; & also the plantation tools & utensils, the household furniture & livestock of every kind for the space of ten years; provided she continues unmarried so long,

but nevertheless she shall be obliged to give off from the household furniture & livestock such shares to my daughters at such time & in such manner as herein shall afterwards directed----Item. To my beloved son, Edwin I bequeath one Negro Fellow Derry on condition that he suffer him to remain on the Plantation with his Mother five years in order to assist in maintaining the young Negroes, also 80 dollars in money for the purchasing a riding horse; the 1/4 part of my books, all my manuscripts & my watch----

Item. To my beloved son Thomas Sidney I bequeath one Negro Lad Jack on condition that he suffer him to remain on the plantation with his Mother 5 years to assist in raising the young Negroes, also one young bay horse which he commonly rides, the one fourth part of my books & my gold buttons----Item. To my beloved son Elihu

Harris I bequeath one Negro fellow named Sam ... also eighty dollars in money for the purchasing a riding horse the 1/4 part of my books & my silver spurs---

Item. To my beloved daughter Leah I bequeath one Negro fellow, Cowan, one child names Caesar one Wench Cola, one girl named Maria with their offspring--also 1/5 part of the stock of horned cattle & of sheep to be delivered to her on her marriage, or when she comes of age if she requires it---Also one feather bed & furniture

to be delivered at the same time--. Item. To my beloved daughter Lydia, ... $1/5$ part of the stock of horned cattle & of sheep & one feather bed & furniture to be delivered to her on her marriage or whe she comes of age if she require it---. Item. To my beloved son Henry Dobson I bequeath ... $1/4$ part of my books & my silver buckle. It is also my will that after having received a good English education he be bound out an apprentice to such trade or mechanical profession as my Executors may think him best adapted for--to such attacheas they shall choose----. To my beloved daughter Susannah ... $1/5$ part of the stock of horned cattle & of the sheep & one feather bed and furniture to be delivered to her on her marriage or when she comes of age if she requires it---Item. To my beloved sons Sidney & Dobson I bequeath the whole of my land which lies on the north side of 23 Mile Cr. to be equally divided between them---That part of my land which lies on the S. side of S'd where Caleb Williams used to live, I will to be sold as soon as possible, & the money thence arising to be applied to the discharging of my debts. ---Item. It is my will ... my Station wagon (to be sold) & that the money arising from these sales be applied to the payment of my debts & discharging the sums herein ordered to be paid to my sons Edwin & Elihu Harris--& the

schooling of my son Henry Dobson. It is my will that all moneys due me by bond note or subscription be applied to the same purpose----Item If any of my sons died under age & without issue that his part be equally divided among all the other brothers & if any of my daughters die under age & without issue that her part be equally divided among all the other sisters---

Lastly----I do appoint my wife Jane Reese my Executrix & Messrs. Ezekiel Pickens, George Reese, John Harris of Connoross and Robert McCann to carry this will into execution---hereby disannuling any other will or wills by me written or made, and ratifying & declaring this & this alone my only true last will and Testament,--. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this 28 day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ninety-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twentieth

Thomas Reese (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Wm. Steele, Wm. Hunter Elizabeth Miller---

Recorded in Will Book C Page 92

Recorded Sept. 19, 1796. Proved Sept. 19, 1796 J. B. Earle C.C. Roll 593 (Original Will not in the files of Probate Judge.)

Excerpts from the will of Dr. Thomas Reese January 25, 1797: "To Justice John Willson, came Michael Dickson, Captain John Griffen, and Joseph Whitner, duly sworn to appraise all goods and chattels of the property". Signed,
John Willson,
Judge.

April 1799: "John Harris signed a note from A. Boyse and made oath that Dr. Reese was in debt to him, 1 lb.8 shillings, 2 pence, sworn before me this day April 1799. "Signed, John Harris T.J.

May 3, 1799: "Robert McCann a justice for John Prater."

February 17, 1793: "For John Wilson's salary, 2 lbs. 17 shillings for 1793".

April 30, 1797; "Jane Reese receipt:" Received from Andrew Warnock, 11 lb. 0 shill. $1\frac{1}{2}$ sterling", by me Jane Reese". (Jane Reese) collected salary for Dr. Reese's past service.)

Joseph Martin sold prok to Dr. Reese.

September 18, 1798: "Due James Watson for saddle making;" signed Justice Willson.

January 28, 1797: "To Michael Dickson for pork."

May 23, 1793: "A promissory note of Dr. Reese's:

"Six months after date, I promise to pay to General

Andrew Pickens, the sum of fifty pounds, being for value received. Witness my hand, "Signed Thos. Reese."

April 23, 1799: "Received this 23rd April 1799 by the hand of George Reese, fourteen pounds of the within note."

Signed Andw. Pickens.

January 23, 1799: "Received this January 23, 1799 of Mr. George Reese, one of the executors of the estate of Rev. Thomas Reese, five pounds in advance bill due for one year's salary due the Reverend Mr. Reese and likewise, ten pounds and 8 shillings in cash on account of the within note." Signed,

"Andw. Pickens."

August 29, 1796: "For Wm. McCaleb for lime."

"Received of Mr. George Reese, 31 pounds for money paid by E. Pickens to Charles Snowden."

"September 1803: "Received of Mr. David Reese, the sum of 18 dollars on accounts of the Rev. Thomas Reese late of Pendleton County, \$100.00." Signed, "George Alexander. (Who took payments for the estate.)"

September 29, 1804: Sale bill of Mrs. Jane Reese (Anderson) Total sale cattle excepted, \$145.37.. "Cattle, \$48.45."

Personalty of Dr. Thomas Reese. Pkg. No. 13 Bumble
17 Box 17 Roll 593 Anderson County Probate Court:

Nov. 16, 1800: Letter from E. Reese about David Reese's owing him \$50 not \$20.00; concerning brother Eli, also "Received of David Tasker Reese) one of the executors of Thomas Reese estate \$173.00 due from the estate. "Signed, "E. Reese."

"Princeton University Feb. 8, 1794: Received of the Honorable Andrew Pickens, the just and full sum of eleven pounds eleven shillings." Signed, "Edwin Keyle". On the back of the same note, "Received of Mr. George Reese this August 1800, 10 pounds eight shillings 4 being in full for the within receipt with interest thereon." Signed, Andrew Pickens.

May 13, 1776. "Receipt of settlement on a note." Signed And. Pickens.

1799-1800: "Money paid by George Reese to Thomas Reese note.

1798: "Cash to E. Pickens for 44 lbs. 21 shillings."

1816: "Cash to Edwin Reese \$173 total amount, \$811.56 $\frac{1}{2}$."

November 24, 1798: "Receipt of George Reese 1 lb. 16 shillings clerk's fee as stated." Signed, "G. W. Earle D.C."

Feb. 4, 1795: "Receipt for stipend for year 1794 from David Hamilton." Signed, "Thomas Reese"

May 27, 1796: "Receipt for 23 Mile Creek Congregation, the sum of 49 dollars being part of the stipend due to me." Thomas Reese." Signed by Jas. Martin for Dr. Reese (Just prior to death)

Receipts for money paid by Robert McCann Executor.
Joseph Martin's receipts given by Dr. Reese.

March 11, 1800. "A note from Samuel Taylor; a receipt of \$40.50 from George Reese in full of my part of property of estate sold on September 29, 1804.
Received by Samuel Taylor March 11, 1800."

May 20, 1798: Dr. William Hunter, bill for May 31, 1796 to July 15, 1796 to attendance and medicine, 7 lbs 38 cents due from the estate. Sworn to June 1797.
"Signed "B. Earle J.P.

"Received 5-20-1798 the above in full. Wm. Hunter."

1793-1795 "Bill for grain from Samuel Neel."

6-2-1797: "Abner Steele, bill for pork for Dr. Reese due. Abner Steele and for Sidney Reese 1 pair, shoes Feb. 6, 1797." Signed, "Robert Waugh".

April 16, 1799: "Receipt from Robert McCann 14 lbs sterling salary." Signed by George Reese.

Inventory and appraisement: by appointees of County Court of Pendleton:

"A tract of land \$515.00, the rest in Negroes. Total \$5425.63.

Prices: 16 old books @ 50 cents - \$8.00

1 shot gun \$5.00

One dozen chairs, \$3.00

Rifle \$1.50

60 volumes O'Clave Books @ 50 - \$30.00

15 Vols. Quartos \$75.00

1 desk \$32.00. (This desk was later bought by Jane Reese when she disposed of most of her furnishings, prior to her marriage to General Anderson.)

"Recorded in Book C p. 146 February 3, 1797.

Signed by,

Michael Dickson

John Griffen

J. Whitner."

Excerpts from the General Robert Anderson's will:

General Robert Anderson of Pendleton was the second husband of Jane Harris Reese, widow of Dr. Thomas Reese.

In his will dated January 25, 1810 he made provision for several of Jane's children by her first husband. This was made after Jane Reese Anderson's death in 1806.

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"Whereas my Ever Honored Wife of blessed memory had in her own right when she married with me (by the name of Jane Reese) ... although these Negroes & their increase are the legal right of myself & my heirs; but Mrs. Reese had children no better provided for than mine are; & where as my own children are well enough off as to the other things of this world, if they make a prudent use of what they have got ... therefore I have given to Lydia Findley (daughter of Jane Reese) Charlotte, with an instrument of writing to secure the right in her & her heirs forever; Ester I have secured to Susannah (Cherry) in the same manner. Mrs. Findley and Mrs. Cherry are daughters by a former marriage & Charlotte & Ester are the two oldest children of Hannah. I do will & bequeath to Dr. Edwin Reese the next child of Hannah; but if the said Dr. Edwin Reese should die without issue, then it is my pleasure that Anne with her

increase, before vested in Dr. Reese to descend to Henry Dobson Reese to him & his heirs forever. I do hereby will & bequeath to Henry Dobson Reese the youngest slave of my deceased wife, Hannah and two young children to him & his heirs forever (otherwise) to Anne Reese, a daughter of George Reese (son of David) & to the heirs of her body lawfully begot if a female. But if Anne Reese should Die without issue then ... to descend to her next youngest sister. But not to be sold out of the family. I do further direct that if Dr. Edwin Reese return to this country & should take up house here it is my pleasure that Old Rose should live with him. She was always a faithful servant to her old Mistress. They were raised together and near of an age. I traded for Jeff the husband of Hannah at a disadvantage on account of attachment of wife & children ... desire to be together. It is my will that Dr. Reese buy Jeff from Robert or Robert Anderson buy Hannah & her two children from Mr. Reese ... and I hereby make ... & appoint my well-beloved son Robert Anderson with my trusty & well-beloved neighbors George Reese, Joseph Whitner; Ezekiel Pickens Esq., to be my sole Executors of this my last will ... "Will Book A p. 144 received 1-9-1813 Roll I by John Harris Esq. Ordinary. Will of General Robert Anderson.

A 2 *Brigadier General Robert Anderson second husband of Jane Reese:

Brigadier General Robert Anderson was born in 1741 in Augusta County, Virginia, on his father's farm on Middle Road five and a half miles from historic "Old Stone" Church in Staunton and was the 2nd son of John and Jane Anderson.

** "In May 1740 in the Court of Orange County was proved the importation from Ireland by way of Pennsylvania of himself and wife Jane and daughters Esther; Mary; and Margaret all born in Ireland."

"September 1, 1740 John's father got an early patent in that section 270 acres in Middle River near Staunton. "Children now born to John Sr. and Jane Anderson in Virginia were:

John Anderson, Jr. who went to Madison County, Kentucky in 1778.

Robert Anderson born in 1741 (See below)

Jane Anderson who married Lieutenant Hugh Allen; and W. Craig. Their descendants are numerous:

Allen children:

James Allen Captain in the Revolution

* "The Old Stone Church". Rich. Newman Brackett PHD. Columbia S.C.R.L. Bryan Co. 1905 pp. 146

** Vol. I pp 433, 440, 469 by Wallace. Vol. II pp 262, 189. Vol. III p 497

Andrew Allen Captain in the Revolution

William Allen Captain in Kentucky

Robert Anderson was baptized in "Old Stone" Virginia by Rev. John Craig November 15, 1741. He married Ann Thompson daughter of a pioneer of Augusta County.

John Anderson, Sr. willed his two sons James and Andrew large tracts of land. Robert received a reputation in Military in South Carolina."

*John and Jane Anderson were Scotch-Irish immigrants ... living the ordinary life of a planter. Robert received the average education of a Virginia Gentleman and became a surveyor by profession. Thompsons were neighbors and a daughter and he were married twenty five years. They left five children:

Robert Anderson, Jr. married Maria Thomas

Anne Anderson married Dr. William Hunter (See below)

Elizabeth Anderson

Mary Anderson married Captain Robert Maxwell; and Mr. Carruth

Lydia Anderson married Samuel Maverick, son of her step-mother Mrs. Maverick, a wealthy widow of Pendleton the second wife of Robert Anderson. She had two daughters

* "Trad. & History of Anderson Co" Louise Ayer VanDiver 1928 p 64

Elizabeth and Lydia Maverick

"Mrs. Reese widow of Dr. Thomas Reese became the 3rd Mrs. Anderson in 1803."

Robert Anderson was a friend of George and Henry Dobson Reese named in the will.

*"In 1806 Jane Harris Reese (Anderson) died and the son Robert Anderson, Jr. came home. Here General Anderson died in 1813. His will was probated January 9, 1813. He made provision for his slaves."

The Hunter Children:

Dr. John Hunter first child of Dr. Hunter married Kitty Calhoun

William Hunter married Miss Clayton

Anne Hunter married John Smith

Mary Hunter married Rev. David Humphreys

Andrew Hunter

A 2 Dr. Thomas Reese was meticulous in keeping a record of every bill and payment for his services. The Author, his great great granddaughter, found hundreds of tiny slips of paper on which he had recorded every payment and receipt. After his death Jane (Jean) Harris Reese his wife recorded the payments received from Carmel and Old Stone Churches where he had preached from 1792 to 1796.

* "Mrs. Warren R. Davis" Gt. Granddaughter of Mrs. Jane Harris Reese (See the Will of Robert Anderson below)

He was indebted to General Andrew Pickens for a loan for six years for the education of his sons at Princeton. This great man, Pickens, was a great friend, and personally, with the aid of General Anderson and several others, selected the finest spot for the grave of Dr. Reese, the first person to be buried in the new Cemetery.

It was in Old Stone Church, Pendleton, that General Robert Anderson, became acquainted with Jane Harris (Reese). She was forty two years old when Dr. Reese died, in 1796. She remained a widow for seven years, rearing her family. Susan Polk Reese was only six and Henry Dobson Reese was only Fourteen years of age, when Dr. Reese died.

In 1803 Jane Harris (Reese) became the wife of General Robert Anderson. She died in 1806 and is buried in his grave plot in Old Stone Cemetery, Pendleton South Carolina.

Her children became scattered from Sumter County South Carolina to Florida.

Henry Dobson Reese married Rebecca Harris, the granddaughter of General Andrew Pickens, about 1808.

Their first child, Dr. Sidney Harris Reese was born in 1809 in Pendleton South Carolina and is the grandfather of the Author.

The Pastorate of Dr. Thomas Reese after the War of the Revolution:

*"At the first meeting of the Presbytery of South Carolina at Waxhaws April 12, 1785, Reverend Thomas Reese was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Hopewell Indian Town and Williamsburg."

"In October 1786 Messrs. Edmonds Reese and McCaule were appointed to administer the Lord's Supper. They were ordered to sit there to take evidence touching the charges made Fama Clamosa against Mr. James McMullen a candidate for the Gospel ministry from Ireland. This house was burned by the Tories and worshippers assembled ... in a field.

"In 1787 Reverend Thomas Reese was again appointed to supply one Sabbath and again in 1788 ... in connection with Aimwell."

"The Bethel Church in Williamsburg District South Carolina built its House of worship less than 100 yards east of old Williamsburg." ... It appears on the minutes of this Presbytery that the call was brought to it from Williamsburg and Indiantown 'To be kept in the hands of Presbytery till an opportunity of putting it into the hands of some member of this presbytery for his consideration." (MssMinutes p. 12)

* "History of the Pres, Chur. in South Carolina" by George Howe 1870

"Reverend Thomas Reese continued the pastorate of Salem Black River Church though not at all times resident in it."

"Violence and misrule had usurped the place of law and order and not only the civil but the religious rights of the community were invaded. "This was more especially the case during the years 1780 and 1781 ... most of the churches were burned or made depots for the stores of the enemy." "At home, even pious pastors were insecure, consequently they went into exile. Among the latter was the Rev. Thomas Reese. It was in his congregation that the murders perpetrated by Harrison, Tory and his followers commenced. Had he gone about to administer comfort out of his own family it would have been termed 'Sedition' and Dr. Reese would have made himself a martyr. He took the wise course of retiring before the storm and went with his family to Mecklenburg, North Carolina where he continued to preach under many privations." Dr. Witherspoon noted that Dr. Reese returned after the peace of 1782.*

Hopewell of Keowee Church on the Seneca River*, was organized and had its first meeting October 13, 1789.

* "History of Pres. Church in S.C." George Howe D.D. Prof. Theo. Sem. Pub. Duffie & Chapman Columbia S.C. 1870 Vol.I. pp. 488-493, 559,589

John Simpson was appointed to supply one Sunday. "It was organized by the spirited exertions of a few men who removed from Abbeville. They are not so numerous as the people of Carmel but better united. Among them General Pickens and Robert Anderson, both of great influence in the State of South Carolina. Messrs. Calhoun and De. Saussure, two prominent lawyers in Charlestown, "Have done themselves much honor by liberally subscribing for the assistance of the Church." Owing to these circumstances their ability to support religion in proportion to their numbers is greater than that of any other congregation in the Upper part of the State. "Quote (Brief Mss by Thomas Reese Sept. 15, 1793 p. 560) It was formed in union with Carmel church which stands a few miles east of it. General Pickens and General Robert Anderson both from Abbeville removed here to encourage settlers of their own denomination here." This church is near the Village of Pendleton, a few miles north of it. "Its first house was of logs but ... it gave place in 1802 to one of stone in 1802" known as the Stone Meeting House.

*"The treaty of Hopewell was concluded by General Pickens on his place called "Hopewell" in 1785 with the

* "Hist. of Presby Ch. in S.C. "George Howe p. 560-561.

Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Creeks who were assembled for that purpose and formed 4 different encampments. General Pickens fought a Battle with the Cherokees at Mt. Tomassea where he also settled a place. He had a fondness for being near the Indians. "He was a man of few words, rather stern in his manner but of great integrity wisdom and courage and was greatly respected by his Indian neighbors."

Carmel Church was so named by Dr. Reese in 1793. "It had been known before as Richmond Church ... another known as Twenty-Three Mile Creek may have now been united and known thenceforth as the Carmel Congregation. Carmel is about 12 miles distant from Hopewell with which it became associated."

George Howe gives a full description of the life and work of the eminent Dr. Thomas Reese in his pastorate at Hopewell and Carmel Churches as quoted from other eminent ministers. (See pp. 626-640)

Chapter A 3 Henry Dobson Reese

Grandson

of David Reese, Signer

A 3 Henry Dobson Reese, son of Dr. Thomas Reese; grandson of David Reese and Susan Polk (Reese) of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Henry Dobson Reese was the youngest son of Dr. Reese. When Dr. Thomas Reese died in Pendleton in 1796 Henry Dobson Reese was Fourteen years old. His oldest brother, Edwin Tasker Reese, was twenty four and his little sister, Susan Polk Reese was only six. Jane Harris Reese, his mother, was forty two years old.

Dr. Thomas Reese provided for the education of his young son (See the Will of Dr. Thomas Reese). It is said that later, Henry Dobson Reese could make any mechanical device so gifted was he.

Henry Dobson Reese's marriage to Rebecca Harris was a very happy one. He speaks of this love for her and the children in his letters to his first son, Dr. Sidney Harris Reese living in Hustonville, Kentucky.

He was a successful business man for he possessed much land in the vicinity of Pendleton and Clemson. *The deed of November 23, 1816 grants him 200 acres on the Keowee-Conoross Rivers where Clemson land lies. On March 8, 1817 there was a grant from Mary Harris

* "Grantors' Bk.N. p. 112; Grant to J. Maxwell "Book C p. 302" Pendleton County, S.C.
"Letters from H.D. Reese to Dr. Sidney H. Reese address Author

for Dower's rights to the same land.

On January 22, 1819 Henry Dobson Reese sold this land to his neighbor, John Maxwell. His uncle George Reese had surveyed this land for Pendleton County for years, his father-in-law John Harris Ordinary having signed the paper.

A 3 The children of Henry Dobson and Rebecca Harris (Reese):

Henry Dobson Reese, son of Dr. Thomas & Jean Harris (Reese) was born March 15, 1782. His birth confirmed in his own letter to his son, Dr. Sidney Harris Reese. He was born in Pendleton, S.C. He married Rebecca Harris, daughter of Mary Pickens (Harris) wife of John Harris Esq. Ordinary of Anderson, S.C. Rebecca Harris was born in 1789. *They were married about 1808 in Pendleton. Rebecca was born soon after the Revolutionary War. She was probably born on the "Harrisburg" Plantation near Townville, S.C. Their children were:

B 1 Dr. Sidney Harris Reese born in Pendleton, a
Teacher

* "The Gen. of the Reese Fam." M.E.Reese 1903 Whittett & Shepperson, Richmond, Va.; "The Pickens Family" Kate P. Day, Hiott Press Greenville, S.C. 1951, p. 41
** U.S. Census 1850 Lincoln Co.Ky; Reese Family Bible Myrle Bridge Box 413, Cambria, Calif.

B 2 Frank Reese

B 3 Maria Reese (Knox)

B 4 Edwin Reese

B 5 Flora Reese (Rowland)

B 6 Carlos Reese, a Soldier in the Seminole War

B 7 Harriett Reese (Smythe)

B 8 Elihu Milton Reese

B 9 Jane Reese (Scott)

B 10 Thomas Reese unmarried.

B 11 Mary C. Reese

A 3. The family of Henry Dobson and Rebecca
Harris (Reese):

B i* Dr. Sidney Harris Reese, born October 31,
1800 in Pendleton, S.C. married Maria Lee Brown,
April 27, 1847 in Hustonville, Kentucky, the home of
her birth. **She was the daughter of Sophia Montgomery
and Willis Brown, both of whom were born in Lincoln
County, Ky. in 1788. The lineage of these parents,
is not known now.

* "The Pickens Family", Kate Pickens Day, Hiot Press
Greenville, SC 1951 p.43; Fam.Bible of Jenness Reyes
1735 194th Ave.Oakland,Cal; Letters H.D.Reese to Dr.
Sidney Reese possession of Myrle Bridge Cambria Calif.
Box 313.

** U.S. Census 1850 Lincoln Co., Kentucky

In letters from Henry D. Reese to his son, the latter moved to Jacksonville, Ill. in 1854. Dr. Sidney H. Reese died on May 29, 1867 in Illinois. Maria, his wife, died in Ventura, California in 1894 and is buried in the Ventura cemetery.

The U.S. Census for 1850 for Lincoln Co. names Dr. Sidney H. Reese as "Teacher"; M. L. Reese 'Girl' as aged 27; This was Maria.

The Children listed:

- C 1 Edwin Montgomery Reese born April 27, 1849 in Hustonville (See the Edwin M. Reese Family below)
- C 2 Sidney Brown Reese born February 4, 1853, "Bert". He married Lilah Bell of California. No issue.
- C 3 Adelaide Reese, born in 1855, married Mr. Martin. They had two boys, Richard and Reese Martin. Reese Martin lives in Oakland.
- C 4 Sophia Montgomery Reese born October 10, 1857, married Will Cloyd, son of William Bennett & Priscilla Butt (Cloyd) of McKinney, Ky. They had three Children none of whom had issue.
- C 5 Henry Reese born December 31, 1862 married Fannie Gilbert. They had a daughter Erna, unmarried.

C 1 Children of Edwin M. & May Whitaker (Reese); were grandchildren of Dr. Sidney Harris Reese; great grandchildren of Henry D. & Rebecca Harris (Reese); great great grandchildren of Dr. Thomas & Jane Harris (Reese); great great great grandchildren of David Reese, of General Andrew Pickens; of Charles Harris Esq. of Rocky River, N.C.

D 1 Myrle Cloyd Reese (Bridge) was born on June 6, 1887 in San Diego, California. She married Marcus Arthur Bridge, born in Compton on March 3, 1870⁹. He was the son of Marcus Lafayette & Amy Josephine Millard (Bridge) of Posa County, Indiana. Amy Millard was born January 1, 1849 and died in Los Angeles, California July 16, 1928. She was married October 27, 1866 in Ottawa, Kansas. *Myrle Reese married Marcus Arthur Bridge in 1906 in Los Angeles. They are residents of Cambria, California. (See their children in next section.)

D 2 Jean Whitney Reese was born in Santa Paula, California. She married Jack Slaughter, who died in 1963. No issue. Jean Slaughter now lives in El Granada, San Mateo County, California. She has been an actress on the vaudeville circuit. She is now taking up oil painting.

* N.S.D.A.R.#452969 Jenness Anderson; Family Records of Myrle Bridge Box 314 Cambria, Calif.

*D 3 Jenness Reese was born in Santa Paula. She graduated from Santa Barbara High School; graduated from San Francisco State College in 1944. Did graduate work in U.C. California at Berkeley.

She married Arthur Anderson, a World War Veteran #1 in 1955. He died in 1961. She married Mr. Cristobal Jimenez Reyes of Houston on December 1, 1962. They live at 1735 104th Avenue, Oakland, California. She is the Author of this book.

C 1 The Family of Edwin Montgomery and May Whitaker
(Reese):

May Whitaker (Reese) was born in Dayton, Ohio May 25, 1865. She was the daughter of James Gilmore Whitaker and his wife Matilda Dinah Whitney, of Santa Barbara, California.

** Matilda Dinah Whitney (Whitaker) was the daughter of Newhall and Elizabeth Whitehead (Whitney) of Wheelock, Vermont and of Petersham, Massachusetts. This Whitney family was descended from the Royal Whitneys of Whitney-on-the-Wye on the border between England and Wales.

* N.S.D.A.R.#452969 Jenness Anderson; Family Records of Myrle Bridge Box 314 Cambria, Calif.
** "Whitney Geneal." pp.190 & 338 by Clifton Pierce; "Marriages St. Barbara Calif."

Captain Benjamin Whitney great grandfather of May Whitaker fought in the Revolution from Petersham.*

James Gilmore Whitaker, May Whitaker's father, was the son of Richard Whitaker of Providence, R.I. and Wrentham, Massachusetts, and his wife, Mary Ann Gilmore. She was descended from the early Gillmor family which settled in Wrentham and Pondville in the early Colonial days.

The Gillmors originally came from Paisley, Scotland. After the Revolution the family changed their spelling to Gilmore. (See the families of Pv. Andrew and his father Captain Andrew Gillmor below). Father and son served in the Revolution.

C 1 Edwin Montgomery Reese and May Whitaker were married August 7, 1886 in Santa Barbara. (See their children below). Edwin M. Reese was born in Hustonville, Kentucky 1849. He died in Jerome, Arizona after a fall from a building in February 27, 1919.

C 1 May Whitaker Reese died in San Francisco on February 22, 1922 of the Asian Influenza.

* "Mass. Sold. & Sailors" p. 462; "Gilmore Ancestry" Vol. 4 by Pearl P. Gilmore 1925. "Mass. Sold. & Sailors" p. 208

D 1 *Children of Myrle Cloyd Reese (Bridge) and
Marcus Arthur Bridge:

E 1 Dorothea Myrle Bridge was born October 13,
1910 in Los Angeles, California. She married
Neill Lownes, who was born in California in
1906. They had no children.

E 2 Donald Arthur Bridge, son of Myrle & Marcus
Arthur Bridge, was born on August 25, 1913
in Yorba Linda, California. He married
Berenice Mary Niemeyer on February 24, 1935.
They have three children:

F 1 Donald Harold Bridge was born April 23, 1936
in Atascadero, California. He married April
Ann Stacey of Chico June 7, 1962.

F 2 Marilyn Joan Bridge, eldest daughter of Donald
Arthur Bridge, was born January 28, 1938 ^{near} at
^{at San Luis Obispo} Atascadero. [^] She married Donald Vernon Ashton
of Atascadero November 12, 1955 in Nevada.
They have two children:

G 1 Cheryl Lynn Ashton, daughter of Marilyn &
Donald V. Ashton was born January 22, 1959
in Paso Robles, California.

* Family Bible & Records of Marilyn Ashton; Myrle
Bridge, Box 314 Cambria, Calif; Jenness Reyes
1735 104th Ave. Oakland 3, Calif.

G 2 Donald Arthur Ashton, son of Marilyn & Donald V. Ashton, was born May 19, 1962 in Paso Robles.

F 3 Linda Carole Bridge, third child of Donald Arthur Bridge, was born Christmas Day 1945 in Atascadero.

E 3 Norman Reese Bridge, son of ^{Marcus} Donald Arthur Bridge and ^{Myrtle Reese} Berenice Bridge, was born April 3, 1925, in Long Beach, California. He married Frances Berta in Reno, Nevada December 14, 1953. They have one son.

F 1 Arthur Michael Bridge, an only child, was born December 11, 1956. Norman Reese Bridge served in the War 1945.

C 3 Adelaide Reese, daughter of Dr. Sidney Harris and Maria Brown (Reese), was born in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1855. She married Arthur Lee Martin, the son of Dr. Samuel Murray Martin of Loudon County, Virginia, who was born in 1828 and died in 1897.

Arthur Lee Martin, husband of Adelaide Reese Martin, died in 1941, aged 82 years. (Born in 1859). Adelaide Reese Martin died about 1900. Arthur Lee Martin married his second wife, Alice Martin.

C 3 *Children of Adelaide Reese and Arthur Lee Martin:

D 1 Reese Martin was born in 1887. He died in 1962 in Berkeley, California. He married Catherine Elizabeth Fack, daughter of Anna Marie and William Fack. Annie Marie Fack's maiden name was Schellhaas.

Reese Martin graduated from Technical High School in Oakland, California. He became a Civil Engineer for the Standard Oil Company in Richmond. He and his wife were prominent in the Methodist Church in Berkeley. They have one child:

E 1 Elizabeth Katherine Martin who lives in Berkeley. She is unmarried.

D 2 Richard Martin is the son of Adelaide and Arthur Lee Martin. He lives in New York. He is unmarried. Arthur L. was the son of Dr. Sam Murray Martin. Dr. Samuel Murray Martin's father was James Lee Martin, a lumberman in Loudon County, Virginia. He died in 1840 in Virginia.

The Lee branch was descended from the Plantagenets

* Family Records of Reese Family N.S.D.A.R.#452969
Jenness Reese; and Catherine Elizabeth Fack (Martin)
wife of Reese Martin of Berkeley, California.

in the 17th Century in Virginia. In 1720 was a grant from Brandon to John Martin.

C 4 Sophia Montgomery Reese, daughter of Dr. Sidney Harris Reese and Maria Lee Brown (Reese) married William Bennett Cloyd of Yuma, Arizona. He was the son of William Cloyd born December 14, 1798 and died July 30, 1862. *He was born in Virginia and went with his parents to Kentucky when a child. He was the eldest of eight children.

William Bennett's mother was Priscilla Butt (Cloyd). She was born January 22, 1832 and died May 18, 1923. She married J. M. Brown after the death of William Cloyd.

Bennett Cloyd, brother of William Bennett Cloyd married Lucinda Jane Drake in May 26, 1840. Bennett Cloyd was born in 1814 and died 1885. Lucinda Jane Drake was born in 1826 died in 1909.

C 4 Children of Sophia Montgomery Reese (Cloyd):

D 1 Bert Reese Cloyd

D 2 Ruth Cloyd married Clifford Athey.

D 3 Mable Cloyd died young

* "Family Scrap Book of William Bennett Cloyd" address Jenness Reyes Oakland, Calif.

B 3 *The Children of Maria Reese and Washington Knox:

D 1 Ella Knox, married Mr. Archibald. He was killed
in the War of '61

C 2 Mary Knox married John Baskins

C 3 Dobson Reese Knox married Miss Richie. They
had one child:

D 1 Homer Knox

C 4 Fannie Knox married Mr. Childs. They had four
children:

D 1 Ruth Childs

D 2 Catherine Childs

D 3 Ethel Childs

D 4 Walter Childs

C 4 John Andrew Knox, son of Maria Reese Knox married
Angline Egerton. They had five children:

D 1 Catherine Knox

D 2 George Knox

D 3 John Knox

D 4 LaFayette Knox; was killed in 1861 War.

B 4 The Children of Edwin & Charlotte McKinstry (Reese):

C 1 Ioene Reese

* "The Gen. of the Reese Fam." M.E. Reese 1903 Whittet
& Shepperson Richmond, Va.; "The Pickens Fam." Kate
P. Day Hiott Press Greenville S.C. 1951 p42; Family
Letters from H.D. Reese

C 2 Irene Reese

C 3 Ella Reese

C 4 Florence Reese

C 5 Carlos Reese married Mary Clinton; they had two girls

D 1 Nannie Reese

D 2 Charlotte Reese

C 6 Charlotte Reese daughter of Charlotte M. Reese

C 7 Clarence Reese son of Edwin & Charlotte Reese

C 8 Fred Reese married Maria Steele. They had three children

B 6 *The Family of Carlos & Mary E. Crenshaw (Reese):

Carlos Reese the son of Henry D. & Rebecca Harris (Reese) was born November 30, 1815. "When 18 ... he became a soldier in the Seminole War and was wounded. After his marriage to Mary E. Crenshaw he moved from Pendleton, S.C. to Marion, Alabama, where he became a useful citizen. His name appears in "Public Men of Alabama". His children were:

C 1 James Reese a Confederate Soldier in the Ninth Regiment Ala.

C 2 Carlos Reese, Jr. was born May 13, 1843 ... a

* "Gen. of the Reese Fam" M.E.Reese; "The Pickens Fam." 1951 Kate Pickens Day "Hiott Press Greenville S.C. p. 43; Family Letters Reese Family add.Myrtle Bridge Cambria Calif.

Captain in the War ... He married Virginia Jones. Their children were:

D 1 Sidney Reese died young

D 2 Fannie Reese

D 3 F. Carlos Reese

D 4 Mary Crenshaw Reese

D 5 Virginia W. Reese.

C 3 Margaret Reese daughter of Carlos Sr. married Dr. Samuel Lewis of Lexington, Ky. They had two daughters:

D 1 Mary Lewis

D 2 Margaret S. Lewis. She married Rev. S. O. Dawson.

C 4 Catherine Reese daughter of Carlos & Mary C. Reese, married Theodore Lewis. They had three children.

C 5 J. Pickens Reese married Miss Sullivan. He lived in Kentucky.

B 8 The Family of Elihu Milton Reese son of Henry Dobson Reese:

* Elihu Milton Reese was the son of Henry Dobson and Rebecca Harris (Reese). He was born in 1819 and

* Family Records of Miss Annie Harris of 1601 Raynold St. Texas at El Paso.

died in 1895. He married twice; Miss Burns and Caroline Wardlaw.

He married Miss Burns about 1840, and they had three children as follows:

C 1 Thomas Sidney Reese born on 1841 and died in 1877.

C 2 Ruth Polk Reese was born on 1843 and died in 1886

C 3 John Jo Anderson Reese was born in 1845 and

served in the Civil War in the South. He died in 1926. He married Miss Carpenter.

Children of Caroline Wardlaw (Reese):

C 4 Ann Harris Reese born in 1849 married George Reddy. They had a son:

D 1 Kenneth Reddy who was a Tokio Bomber. Ann died in 1936.

C 5 Mary Story Reese born in 1851 married Dr. Joseph Pickens Harris the second, son of Joseph Pickens Harris and Ann Anderson. She died in 1939 (See their children below).

C 6 Henry Dobson Reese, Jr. was born in 1853 and died in 1925.

C 7 Caroline Reese was born in 1855 married Reverend Wood. She died in 1924.

C 8 Floride Calhoun Reese was born in 1857 and died in 1935

C 9 Emily Reese was born in 1861 and died in 1922

C 10 Nora Reese was born in 1865 and died in 1906.

She married J. W. Merritt

C 11 Elihu Milton Reese, Jr. was born in 1859

C 5 Mary Story Reese, daughter of Elihu Milton and Caroline Wardlaw (Reese) was born in Pendleton, South Carolina, in 1851. She married Dr. Joseph Pickens Harris II, a physician. They had eleven children as follows:*

D 1 Robert Harris died in infancy

D 2 Mary Caroline (Mamie) Harris married Dr. L. L.

Burkhalter. They had two sons:

E 1 Lee Harris Burkhalter

E 2 Joseph Branson Burkhalter

D 3 Augusta Harris daughter of Joseph Pickens Harris II died young

D 4 Annie Walker Harris lives in El Paso and has furnished this Harris Genealogy.

D 5 Ruth Maria Harris

D 6 Joseph Pickens Harris III; was born in 1883, died in 1960. He married Ada Lee Langston.

He was born in "Harrisburg" S.C. He moved to Texas while young; was a veteran of the Mexican

* "Family Records of Dr. Joseph Pickens Harris Family"
Add. Miss Annie Walker Harris 1806 Raynold St. El Paso,
Texas.

Border War of 1916 and World War II. He was a druggist and engineer. He was a Mason and Shriner.

D 7 Milton Reese Harris married Miss Mae Byrd

D 8 Edward Bissell Harris married Emma Schriver.

They had a son:

E 1 Edward B. Schriver, Jr.

D 9 Floride Kathleen Harris unmarried, lives in El Paso.

D 10 John Anderson Harris married Lois Wilson.

They have a daughter:

E 1 Lois Harris

D 11 Dr. Rebecca Calhoun Harris married Charles W. Monroe. They have a daughter:

E 1 Mary Martha Monroe.

B 9 *The Children of Jane Reese & W. W. Scott:

C 1 Walter Scott

C 2 Wingfield Scott

C 3 William Scott. He married Miss McCafferty

C 4 E. Robert Scott

C 5 Mary Scott

C 6 Georgianna Scott

C 7 Mary C. Reese Scott

* "The Pickens Family" Kate Pickens Day Hiott Press 1951 Greenville S.C. p.44.

Jane Reese, the daughter of Henry D. & Rebecca (Reese) was named for Jane Harris (Reese) her grandmother.

Jane's sister, Harriett Reese, married W. Smythe, a member of the Mississippi Legislature. (So wrote Henry D. Reese to his son, Dr. Sidney Harris Reese): "She has a family of three boys and three girls".

B 10 *Thomas Reese was the son of Henry Dobson Reese and Rebecca Harris (Reese). He never married. He worried his father because of it. He lived with his brother Milton many times according to the letters Henry wrote to his other son, Dr. Sidney Harris Reese in Hustonville, Kentucky.

B 11 Mary C. Reese was the daughter of Henry Dobson and Rebecca Harris (Reese). Whereabouts of her are unknown at this time.

* Letter from Henry D. Reese c/o the Author

Estate of Henry Dobson Reese:

In January 1, 1823 Henry Dobson Reese granted James Hillhouse 200 acres on Garvins Creek (Book Q p.I) In April 14, 1806 in Pendleton District H.D. Reese was paid \$300.00 by John & James Dickson for 200 acres in the Fork of Garvens & Twenty-Three Mile Creek on the water of the Savannah River ... part of a tract of land sold by James Martin to Thomas Reese together. Samuel H. Dickson signed. John Wilson a witness.

In the Will of Thomas Sidney Reese, brother of Henry Dobson Reese, Thomas S. Wills, "The dividant of the land on which my Mother (Jane Harris Reese) now lives, one Negro boy named 'Jack'; my two horses are to remain on the Plantation to be disposed of as my Mother may think proper; all the money due me for my services as Sheriff, I wish to go to the discharge of any debt and I hope they will be sufficient."*

The last letter from Henry Dobson Reese to Dr. Sidney Reese his son written about 1853, was mailed from Knoxville, Alabama. He spoke of the home there in Greene County, Alabama and that both he and Rebecca

* "Roll 593 Anderson Probate Ct." "Will Bk.C p. 129 April 16, 1798 John B. Earle C.C; Letters from Henry Dobson Reese on file address Myrle Bridge Box 314 Cambria, Calif.

Harris Reese his wife were both very well. In fact, Rebecca and he were in "Much better health."

N.S.D.A.R.#452969, for Jenness Anderson records her death as August 6, 1856 in Greene County.

Excerpts from letters of Henry Dobson Reese to his son:

June 7, 1841 to Sidney and Maria: "Daniel McKinney's home is in Huntsville Mo. Betsy Mason married Mr. Carter at Daniels City near Madison. Give my love to Uncle A.P. Lee and his wife (Eliz. Crutcher)."

August 31, 1846 (Attached is 25¢ stamp): From Stanford Ky. A letter of proposal to Maria Brown, vehemently imploring her to marry him (He sounded quite desperate) This letter was from Dr. Sidney Harris Reese to Maria Brown, daughter of Sophia Montgomery (Brown).

May 16, 1847 from Anderson S.C. to Sidney his son: He speaks of his marriage just culminated. Also, "I have had no accounts from Alabama nor from Francy, Edwin (Frank) or Milton. I had some difficulty keeping Thom as from going into the Army on the Crusade to Mexico." I spend part of my time in my mill. Our whole state has taken a fever; the R.R. to be built to Greenville from Hamburg or Columbia. If Thomas consents to stay with me I will have 20 acres of bottom land next year. I spent

a night at Willy Robinson's. Your old Uncle Edwin is in Chambey Ala."

Dec. 3, 1848 from Anderson or Stielis: To Maria.

"Dr. Edwin Reese had died; he was my brother leaving only Me. Buried by his own request at Old Stone Church near the remains of his father" (Dr. Thomas Reese).

"I received a letter from his brother Carlos who lives in Terry County Ala. His wife's brother, a minor, left a fortune of \$40,000 to be divided between his wife and a brother, \$22,000 in cash, the balance in Negroes and valuable land I have not got a letter from his brother Francy. They moved last year to Benton County Alabama. Frank had all girls. "Your brother Milton now has a family of four interesting children. (May 12, 1850) A delegation of 20 sent to Charleston to escort the remains of J.C. Calhoun to Fort Hill. A great man has fallen at the alter of his glory.

Your Mother Rebecca (Harris-Reese) sends tenderest love to you & wife and with pleasure I unite with her in expressions of warmest love, for your corporal and eternal welfare." Farewell H. D. Reese

March 23, 1851 to Dr. Sidney, son: "My children of Alabama wrote I received a letter from Edwin in Eutaw ... Your brother Francy was very corpulent, weighs 200;

his two eldest daughters are married and the oldest, "Becky" has been the mother of a fine boy. My friends say I have not altered in 20 years; I was 69 the 15th of this month. Your brother Milton and wife had a daughter. Your Mother frequently walks 4-5 miles on a visit. Your brother Tom is still single. I could wish he was married.

November 15, 1853 from Green County Alabama: "Your Mother enjoys fine health; this climate agrees with her and she looks 10 years younger. I have good health except a pain in my knee. I received letters regularly from J. C. Calhoun."

In the will of Henry Dobson Reese's father, Dr. Thomas Reese, the latter provides for his sons' good basic education and also provides training in the mechanical field. Dr. Reese also willed him half of the 23 Mile land along with his brother Sidney.

The above letter of 1853 disputes the fact that Rebecca died before 1853. She was then in excellent health in Alabama.

Green Co. Ala.

Nov. 1852

To Dr. Sidney H. Reese:

"Your sister Jane Scott has been unwell for two or three days. Mr. Knox' family have entirely escaped sickness this season ... I have for some time been trying to procure a copy of a treatise written by your Grandfather entitled 'The Influence of Religion on Servile Society'. I was in hopes too to have found it in Dr. Weatherspoon's Library but the old man died & his son can't find it ... I would now give you the address of your brothers M. E. & Thomas Reese but cant find do it at present for they were about leaving into Hambleton County Florida but I know they will write me shortly ... I think likely that Mr. Scott will move to that Country ... It is little known to the Whites & the lands are cheap & good. Milton has bought there."

H.D. Reese

April 14, 1852

Knoxville Ala.

To my Dear Dau-in-law:

Mr. Scott had got home only a few hours before after an absence of three months (he was a member of the Legislature held at Jackson) I had not seen my daughter for ten years ... has a family of six children three boys and three girls.

Ma and myself are comfortably situated & contented ... We have a good room & fireplace to ourselves & live near the Post Office & within a mile of a Presbyterian Church. Ive a letter ... from Son Thomas who is living with E. M. They are highly pleased with their location & will likely make a permanent settlement there.

Tell my son that I found Mr. Smythe just home from the Mississippi Legislature & brim full of politik-ing. His oldest daughter is almost grown, is well educated. Kiss your little Edwin."

H.D. Reese

CHAPTER A 4
CHARLES HARRIS ESQUIRE
OF
ROCKY RIVER N.C.

Charles Harris Esq. very early acquired land in the beautiful Anson County and became a staunch Presbyterian member of Poplar Tent Church. He had given three sons and a daughter--Jane Harris (Reese) wife of Patriot Dr. Thomas Reese of Salem Black River Church--to the Revolution.

Charles Harris Esq. made his will in 1776 just before he died. He was buried in the Baker Graveyard. Elizabeth Harris his wife, died soon after and was buried beside him.

The Will of Charles Harris Esq. of N.C.

Mecklenburg Co. N.C. May 3, 1776

Will Book "D" page 99

(Excerpts from the will by the Author):

"I Charles Harris of the County and Province aforesaid
... do make & ordain this my last will; ... & first of
all I give, devise and bequeath the following---

First I allow all my lawful debts to be paid---secondly
I give & bequeath to my oldest daughter, Martha, five
shillings sterling. Thirdly I bequeath to said Martha's
oldest daughter, Jane Harris twenty-five pounds proc
to be paid her as soon as she is married & also bequeath
to the above Martha's second son Charles Edward Harris
twenty-five pounds proc to be paid him as soon as he
comes of age; 4thly I give & bequeath to my oldest son
Robert all that tract of land lying on the west side of
Broad River on both sides of Brown Creek in S. Carolina
& 150 acres joining said tract & the Negro Boy Jack
with $\frac{1}{2}$ of my wearing apparel---6th I bequeath to my two
daughters, Margaret Alexander & Jane (Reese) to each of
them five pounds sterling; 7thly I leave & bequeath to
my son James one hundred pounds proc to be kept in the

hands of my son Samuel & he pay the interest of it yearly to James or whoever takes care of him must be any of his Mother's he chooses to live in & when he dies, I order said hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst all my children to my first wife---8thly, I bequeath to my sons Samuel & Charles all that tract of land on which I now live with that tract on lot called "Rich Hill" and also one hundred & fifty acres on the "Big Run" west of said... likewise that land I purchased from John Mitchell lying on the "Milky" or "Back Run" & that 40 acres I bought of Adem Meck---9thly I give & bequeath to the issue of my son Thomas lawfully begot, all that tract of land I bought of Robert Brist lying on the Beaver Dam Creek containing six hundred acres to be equally divided amongst them all when the youngest comes of age according to law, their mother to have her maintenance off it during her life or widowhood---10thly, I bequeath to my well-beloved wife, Elizabeth, one third of all my personal estate during her life or continuance a widow & if she married, I order her to have one good feather bed & necessary clothing, chain of all the horses belonging to the estate; Samuel's mare & his issue excepted & twenty pounds proc & the Negro Wench Dinah during her

life & when she dies the said Dinah & her issue to go to my two sons Samuel and Charles---llthly, I give and bequeath to my two sons, Samuel & Charles all & every part of my estate not before mentioned & if either of them dies before they come to age their part is to go to the surviving brothers; & if they both die in their age, their parts is to be divided equally amongst all my children; and lastly I do hereby nominate my dear wife, Elizabeth and my well beloved sons, Robert Harris & George Alexander executors of this my last will and testament. Ratifying and confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of May 1776. Signed sealed & published pronounced & declared by the above named Charles Harris as his last will and testament in the presence of us-----

James Gardner

Charles Harris

William Gardner

Elizabeth Harris

*A 4. "The Harris Letters" of Dr. Charles Wilson Harris son of Robert Harris Esq. of "Mill Grove" Concord North Carolina and of Sneedsboro, Cheraw South Carolina.

Donated by William Shakespeare Harris, a son of Dr. Charles Harris (The Revolutionary Surgeon) to the North Carolina Historical Society. His letters written 1795-1796 when he was connected with the University of North Carolina were found in a bound volume of Mss. in the University. There are two other letters ... one by Robert Harris, the father and one by Robert Wilson Harris, brother of Charles Wilson Harris. (See the Index of 'Colonel & State Records: Harris':

"The particular Harris family from which Charles Wilson Harris sprung was a very prolific one. It traces back to one Edward Harris of Wiltshire England who removed to Ayrshire Scotland in the latter part of the 17th century and there bought up a large family. One of his sons Edward by name married Flora Douglas of the celebrated Scotch family of that fame."

"Five sons of this union; James; Samuel; Thomas; Richard; Charles appear to have emigrated to America some time in the second quarter of the 18th century.

* "The Harris Letters" in "The Jas. Sprunt Hist. Pub." Vols. 14-15 by Henry M. Ag Wagstaff. The Seeman Printery Durham N.C. 1916.

Some settled in Pennsylvania, others in Virginia ...

Later probably in 1761 Charles (Harris) came from Virginia to North Carolina and purchased a large tract of land on Rocky River in the Poplar Tent District, of the present Cabarrus County but at that time was Anson County." This Charles Harris was married twice; first to Jane McIlhenney and second to Elizabeth Baker."

From the first marriage was born in order:

Robert (Born in 1742-Grave)

Martha (Margaret)

Jane Harris (Reese born in 1754)

Thomas Harris (Born 1737 Revol. War Prisoner)

James Harris

And from the second (marriage):

Samuel

Charles Harris

"Robert Harris, the oldest of these offsprings of Charles Harris inherited "Mill Grove" the home Seat of his father on Rocky River and became a man of fortune and influence in his County. (Anson) He married Mary Wilson, daughter of Zaccheus Wilson, a Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration." ...

"As a Revolutionary Patriot & Soldier Robert Harris Esq. served in General Joseph Graham's Command until he lost an arm (Error. An hand, Quote by Mr. Clapp witness), in the Skirmish at Clapp's Mill preliminary incident of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse 1781 (See Graham's 'General Joseph Graham and his Revolutionary Papers pp 335-337.)"

"Mary his wife rode 75 miles to care for him who was being cared for by a German couple. She nursed him to convalescence and brought him safely home."

"To him were born three children each having the name 'Wilson:

Jane Wilson Harris

Charles Wilson Harris (1771)

Robert Wilson Harris (1779)

"Jane the oldest married Nathaniel Alexander son of John McKnitt Alexander secretary of the Mecklenburg Convention." ...

They had nine children and numerous descendants survive. Jane died a few years after the Revolution. Nathaniel Alexander married the widow of General William L. Davidson who fell in the Revolution (in 1781).

*"Robert Harris Esq. lived to a ripe old age dying in 1808 (aged 66) and lies buried at Poplar Tent Church."

* "Harris Letters" by W. G. Wagstaff p. 7, 10, 12, 17, 24.

"Charles Wilson Harris graduated at Princeton in 1792 and was awarded the Mathematical Oration. He spent then one of his two years with his half-Uncle Dr. Charles Harris at 'Favoni' the home of the latter up upon an estate adjoining that of Robert Harris and part of the original property of the eldest Charles Harris ..."

"In 1795 he was teaching in Prince Edward County, Virginia."

"The Editor wished to thank Mrs. Maud Craig Matthews of Atlanta, Georgia and Mrs. Atwell C. McIntosh of Chapel Hill, N.C., great granddaughters of Robert Wilson Harris."

Letter: "To Dr. Charles Harris April 28, 1793 from Charles W. Harris: 'I wrote to Edwin Reese ... but have received no answer (Note Edwin Reese son of Jane Harris & Reverend Thomas Reese and therefore first cousin of Charles Wilson Harris. Edwin Reese graduated at Princeton in the class of 1794."

"Major Thomas Harris brother of Robert Harris Esq. and Uncle of Charles W. Harris was a Revolutionary officer in the Continental Line under Washington at Monmouth & Trenton; transferred South wounded & taken prisoner upon Gates defeat at Camden August 1780. In

1793 he was a Federalist candidate."

"Robert Wilson Harris entered the University of N.C. in 1795.

"Mrs. Sarah Harris (Harris) first wife of Dr. Charles Harris died. The second wife was Lydia Brevard Houston (Harris)."

*"Robert Wilson Harris born in 1779 married Abigail "Abby" Hackett (Harris) before 1802. The son of Robert Wilson Harris and Abigail Hackett Harris was Charles Wilson Harris 2nd born in 1802 the 'eldest child of Robert W. Harris' ... He attended Princeton studied medicine practised at 'Mill Grove' in Rocky River Cabarrus County. This Charles Wilson Harris 2nd married Mary Barringer sister of General Rufus Barringer & sister of Judge Victor Barringer of the Foreign Court at Cairo Egypt & of Daniel Moreau Barringer Representative at Congress 1843-49." ... They had twelve children; the fifth child Harriet Hackett Harris married Captain A.J. Seagle. She died December 1914 at the home of her

* "The James Sprunt Historical Publicans" Vols. 14-15 found in U.of N.C.; University of Calif. in the Ref. Library Berkeley Book # F 251 J3 Vols. 14-15 by Henry M. Wagstaff Jan. 15, 1916. The Seeman Printery Durham S.C.

daughter Mrs. A. C. McIntosh, Chapel Hill, N.C., a great granddaughter of Robert Wilson Harris."

"Robert Wilson Harris ... was Postmaster of Sneed-
sboro, a town on the Yadkin or Pedee River Anson County
near the S.C. Line-now a defunct town." Charles Wilson
Harris the elder died January 15, 1804 of tuberculosis
aged 33

"A note at this point refers to:

"For Caldwell & others in N.C. see "Battle 'History
of the University of North Carolina.' Volume I page 173."

Other letters from Dr. Charles Harris, Professor;
University of North Carolina 1796-1797:

June 25, 1796

Chapel Hill N.C.

(To Brother Robert Wilson Harris)

"Dear Harris,

I am still unsettled in the work ... It has
been my purpose for some time past to apply for license
in the ministry next Spring. This event is an event
perfectly at my own discretion and I am unable to see
how far your letter may influence my decision. I have
been two years and a half studying Divinity ... (He

requests information about the U. of Religion) whether the Country & situation is healthy ... I would be expected to be accomodated in the best manner with everything that is agreeable & convenient ... It would not be convenient for me to leave this place till next Fall ..."

Yours

Charles W. Harris

(Another Letter to Dr. Charles Esq. Surgeon of "Favoni"):

May 8, 1797

Halifax N.C.

"Dear Uncle: I arrived at this place & find myself pretty well fixed for study though surrounded on all sides with a great variety of amusements in every respect calculated to engage the attention of one in the vigor of life. I spent a few evenings in forming an acquaintance in some of the neighboring families but generally was busy occupied with the affairs of Court as I enlisted at once in the drudgery of General Davie's office ... I am dear Sir your friend and servant.

Charles W. Harris

November 18, 1796

Chapel Hill N.C.

*(To Charles W. Harris son of Robert Harris Esq:)

"Dear Charley,

Your prudence will direct you who to apply to for assistance in bringing forward this claim. Mr. Lock who was very helpful to me before in this business. Mr. Craven who is Comptroller can give you the ... respecting this of any person I can direct you to. I would be glad you would make it convenient to go to Raleigh with John Davidson (3rd son of Gen. W. E. Davidson) who is the bearer of this. It is easier doing business of this sort early in the Session than towards the last when the Members are confused & anxious about their different interests & caprices; any expense you will be on account of this will be replaced to you. If you succeed in this give the money to Col. Phifer or bring it with you when you come home. I am with affection,

Your Father

Robert Harris

* Letters were copied from originals in files of the U. of N.C. by this Author.)

N.B. Remember me to Bob. I hope to see him about New Year."

(The above claim was for the heirs of General Davidson whose widow Robert Harris Esq had married)

A 4. *The Children of Charles Harris of Rocky River, North Carolina:

B 1 Col. Robert Harris was born in 17⁴32 in Harrisburg, Pa.

B 2 Major Thomas Harris was born in 1737 in Harrisburg

B 3 James Harris was born in 1747

B 4 Martha Harris (Margaret) was born in 1752
"oldest" daughter

B 5 Jane Harris was born in 1754 in "Mill Grove" Estate, N.C.

B 6 Dr. Samuel Harris was born in 1760. Professor died 1789 aged 29

B 7 Dr. Charles Harris was born in 1762

(See the following pages for details)

* "Harris Letters" of Dr. Chas. Wilson Harris; "Doc. Hist. of Am. Rev." Pub. Banner Steam Power Press Columbia S.C. R.W.Gibbes. Will Bk.D p. 39 "Will of Charles Harris" Charlotte D.A.R.Vol 57 p. 203; "Col.Chur. of N.C." J.K. Rouse Kannapolis N.C. 1961 p. 72-79

A 4 Family of Charles Harris Esq. of Rocky River, N.C.:

B 1 Robert Esq. "oldest son" was a Patriot of the Revolution. He lived in his fathers beautiful estate "Mill Grove" until he was called to War. He married Mary Wilson of Sumter, S.C. She was born in 1746 and died at age 48, on October 11, 1794. Mary Wilson was the daughter of Zaccheus Wilson of the Mecklenburg Resolutions. She died at "Ragton" the estate of Robert Harris adjoining that of his fathers of "Mill Grove."

*Robert Harris was wounded in a Battle at Clapp's Mill, under the command of General Joseph Graham March 2, 1781. Mr. Clapp witnessed the wound saying that Robert Harris' hand was cut off. General Joseph Graham was with the command of General Green of the Southern Army.

B 1 The children of Robert & Mary Wilson (Harris):

C 1 Jane Wilson Harris born in 1770 married Nathaniel Alexander, son of John McKnitt Alexander. She died about 1793. Nathaniel then married Mary Brevard Davidson, widow of General W. L. Davidson, who was killed in February 1781.

* "N.C. Booklet #2, p. 4 Raleigh State Library Capital Print Co. by Hon. Heriot Clarkson."Vol. 5 p. 213"
Letter of Gen. Joseph Craham of May 20, 1835; "State Rec. of N.C."Vol. 19 p. 991 Raleigh N.C."Vol. 15
Return of prisoners of War Maj. Harris.

C 2 Charles Wilson second child of Robert Harris Esq. was born in 1771. He never married but died young. He was a genius a presiding President of the University of North Carolina & Professor of Mathematics and philosophy in its first year. He was instrumental in having Caldwell follow him to the Presidency of the College. Charles Wilson died in January 15, 1804. He was buried at Sneedsboro, S.C.

B 1 Robert Harris Esq. married Mary Brevard Davidson, widow of General William Lee Davidson, after the death of Mary Harris, who died in 1794 aged 48. His step-children were:

C 1 William Lee Davidson, Jr.

C 2 John Davidson

C 3 Ephraim Davidson

C 4 Parmela Davidson

C 5 Margaret Davidson

Robert Harris Esq. now wealthy owner of "Mill Grove", the estate of Charles Harris, his father; "Ragton" his own estate adjoining that of "Mill Grove" and part of the estate of the late General Davidson's estate. He requested help from his son, Dr. Charles Wilson Harris, the Professor at the University, to interceed for him in the settlement of the estate of the General. This letter was written November 18, 1796:

*"I send you some business that I hope you will transact for me at the Assembly. You will find the groundwork of it in two papers I send you with this." This concerned the Military Claims of the Revolution.

C 2 Charles Wilson Harris died at the home of his younger brother, at Sneedsboro, Anson County, on the Pedee River. He implored his brother to come to College, which he finally did for two years in '95.

C 3 Robert Wilson, third child of Robert Harris Esq. was born in Sneedsboro, North Carolina in 1779. He had an estate called "Ragton" adjoining his father's of "Mill Grove", about 7 miles from Concord. This Robert, inherited the two estates. Robert Wilson Harris married Abigail O'Neill Hackett. She was born in 1764, died 1-4-1856 aged 92. He preferred farming and a life of ease at "Ragton" to learning at College. So with the influence of Robert his father, he learned the merchantile business and was successful. His business was at Salisbury at first, then Sneedsboro where he became postmaster.**He died and is buried there. His death was 1-19-1812 and he lies together with his brother. Robert W. Harris had many children; but only two have been accounted for by this author:

* "Harris Letters" by H.M.Wagstaff p.420."Jas. Sprunt His. Pub. V.14 1916 The Seeman Printery
** "Craighead Dunlap D.A.R.Wadesboro 1936-7."Misc.Rec. Anson Co." p. 22

D 1 Dr. Charles Wilson II was born in 1803, and married Mary Ann Barringer, the daughter of Gen. Paul Barringer and Elizabeth Brandon. She was born in 1810 and died 4-17-1844. Their one child accounted for is: Harriett Hackett, who died in 1914.

D 2 Edwin R. Harris, born 1808 the son of Robert Wilson Harris was married to Elizabeth B. Harris. She was born in 1817, died 8-11-'72. Edwin R. Harris died in 3-27-1869. Dr. Charles, Edwin and Elizabeth are all buried at Poplar Tent Cemetery. (See gravestones). His niece, Harriett Hackett Harris, married Capt. A. J. Seagle. The "Harris Letters" quote the descendant of Robert Harris Esq. as Mrs. A. C. McIntosh of Chapel Hill as great granddaughter.

*D 1. Dr. Charles Wilson Harris II died in January 19, 1857 age 54. His father Robert Wilson Harris died in June 19, 1812 aged 33.

D 2. Edwin Robert Harris, son of Robert Wilson Harris I and Abbigail Hackett (Harris) was born in 1808, in Sneedsboro, N.C. He married Elizabeth Barringer, sister of Mary Ann Barringer (Harris), daughters of General Paul Barringer.

Elizabeth Barringer was born in 1817. She died in

* "Cabarrus Co. Marriages." p. 164; "Liberty Hall D.A.R. from "Raleigh Tombstones".

August 11, 1872 aged 55.

Edwin Robert Harris was a farmer. He lived in a land of gold according to Dr. Mitchell's Diary. (See below). He died in March 27, 1869. "Aged 61". He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1828.*

William Shakespeare Harris his cousin wrote articles about Edwin Robert Harris and Dr. Charles Wilson Harris I. He was living when Edwin Robert Harris died in 1869.

Dr. Paul B. Barringer, grandson of General Paul Barringer, wrote a book "The Natural Bent." In it he identifies his forebearers, and his father, Rufus Barringer.

He also mentions another son of General Paul Barringer, the prominent Daniel Morreau Barringer born in 1806. This man was sent as Envoy to the Court of Spain by General Zachary Taylor. This was in 1849.**

***B 1. The Family of Mary Wilson (Harris), wife of Robert Harris Esq.:

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- * "Harris Letters" of Charles Wilson Harris Prof. of U.N.C. by Henry M. Wagstaff.
 - ** "The Natural Bent." Dr. Paul B. Barringer p. 57 1949. Van Rees Press N.Y.
 - *** The Charles Wilson Harris Collection" #15 Chapel Hill by Henry M. Wagstaff in the "James Sprunt Historical Publications V.14

In a letter from Charles Wilson Harris to Robert Wilson Harris, his brother, in 1777 he wrote some details concerning the life of the forebears of Mary Wilson in Scotland.

"In 1638 the Covenanters were resisting the Armies of the King in Scotland, and at the defeat of the Covenanters at the Battle of Bothwell Bridge, the Wilson family was bitterly persecuted. He writes:

"Among those persecuted in Scotland after the Battle of Bothwell Bridge (1670) was a family of Wilsons. Two young girls Agnes and Margaret (Wilson) were seized on the Lord's Day while at prayer in their home; they were forbidden to see their mother and father and wandered like fugitives with their brothers. Once before Agnes had been imprisoned and escaped her father paying the bond rather than produce her."

"Finally the two girls with an aged friend were tied to a stake fixed in the Sea between high and low water mark there to be drowned.

Friends besought them to take the oath of abjuration and call the Battle of Bothwell Bridge a "Rebellion" but they refused & Agnes explained: 'What do I see but Christ suffering in one of His members: No it is Christ in us & he sends no one on warfare at their own charges.'

The water slowly rose over them until they were covered out of sight. Of this family descended Mary Wilson and her brothers Captain Zaccheus (Wilson), Major David and Robert Wilson. Robert Harris was a Signer of the Declaration."

B 2 Major Thomas Harris was the second son of Charles Harris Esq. When the Revolution started he was already aged 39. Where was he living between the years 1737-his date of birth and the year his parents went south to deed land, about 1750?

The sons evidently received their first education in the North in what is now Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has been listed as the husband of one Nancy Curruth. This Author has not been able to trace their married life and children.

In his pension he always lists his address as Iredell County, the city as Mt. Mourne.

This Author found his grave in Old Stone Cemetery while searching for other Harris graves. It states:

"Died September 19, 1826 aged 89 received two captains Commissions, George III and Congress." In July 1826 two months before he died he penned probably his last letter to the Government sending them all of his pension papers. Saying:

"The enclosed papers are all that I have been instructed to procure a Certificate of Pension. You will please send me one directed to Mt. Morne Post Office ... and you will much oblige

Sir Your Humble Servant

Thos. Harris".

The original pension Certificate had been lost in Fayetteville. This had been issued September 5, 1821. The Honorable Lewis Williams was the Secretary of War who signed his Certificate.

In January 1822 he wrote that the officer would not pay him in United States paper but paid in the depreciated paper of other Banks.

B 2. Major Thomas Harris was born in Harrisburg, Pa. in 1737.* Not much is known of his married life but his will written May 1826 notes "My beloved wife, Nancy." Records show that she was Nancy Carruth whose parentage is unknown at this date.

Children of Major Thomas & Nancy Carruth (Harris) in the Will:

C 1 "My daughter Jane Chisholm," married to Angus
Chisholm

* "Will of Major Thomas Harris May 23, 1826 executed in Iredell County Superior Court, Statesville N.C. signed by Wm. L. Davidson (probably son of W. E. Davidson, Jr.)

C 2 "My daughter Matilda Moore," married to William
C. Moore

C 3 "My daughter Rachael Neely".

"My grandchildren:

D 1 Sidney I. Harris

D 2 Thomas C. Harris

D 3 Lemira N. Fleming

D 4 Martha Anne Graham".

"Land in Beaver's Bend Tennessee River" and Centre
Library Society.

*B 2 The Will of Major Thomas Harris of Iredell
County, N.C.:

"In the name of God Amen- I Thomas Harris of the County of Iredell and State of N.C. being sick & in a low state of health but perfectly sound in mind and memory blessed be God for all his mercies do this 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred twenty six amke (Make?) and publish this my last will & testament in manner following: 1st It is my will that my beloved wife Nancy have her living off the proceeds of the plantation which I now live on with the Mills. I also give her one horseriding chair & harness at her command, one bed & furniture including one stand of curtains also one Negro man named Jefferson & one Negro girl named Luvina & the exclusive use of 2 rooms in the South end of the dwelling house all of which property she is to have during her natural life. 2nd I give & bequeath to my daughter Jane Chisholm one piece or parcel of land to be laid off in the following manner, viz: Beginning at the mouth of the sound branch above the Mill on the south side of the dam at high water mark & running up the said branch with the meanders

* "Will of Thomas Harris Iredell Co. N.C. May 23, 1826"
C.G. Smith Clerk of Superior Ct. 6-22, 1963 a Copy

thereof until it intersects the eastern boundary of the old tract, thence north with the line of said tract to a post oak corner of said tract until it strikes the creek, thence down the creek with the meanders of high water mark to the beginning.

I also give to my said daughter Jane 2 Negro children named Rosell & Elvira. 3rd. I give & bequeath to my daughter Matilda Moore the remaining part of the tract of land which I live on together with the Mills also one Negro man named Lewis & one Negro woman named Phillis & all the stock of hogs & cattle except so much as may be hereafter disposed of, the farming utensils the cupboard & kitchen furniture. I also give her all the Negroes & other property to her Mother at her Mother's death.

4th. The land which I have a right to on Beaver's Bend on Tennessee River I give to the following of my Grandchildren that is; Sidney I. Harris, Thomas C. Harris, Lemira N. Fleming and Martha Anne Graham to be equally divided between them.

5th. I will & bequeath to my son in law Wm. C. Moore my clock & my lot in Centre Library Society.

6th. I will & bequeath to my grandson Thomas C. Harris all my wearing apparel.

7th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Rachael Neely my Negro girl Lydia, & the two tables which she

calls her own & one cow and calf also a Negro boy named Alfred.

8th. It is my will that my son in law William Moore in consequence of a right which I have given him to a Negro girl named Ruth & other property which I have willed to him & his wife that he may pay all my just debts.

9th. Should there be a residue of pension money due me at my decease it is my will that the same be appropriated to the payment of my debts.

10th. And lastly I do nominate, constitute & appoint my two sons in law, Angus Chisholm and Wm. C. Moore my Executors to execute this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I Thomas Harris the testator have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & seal.

Thomas Harris (Seal)

In presence of

Wm. L. Davidson, Jurat

D. C. Houston

B 2 His pension number was S.13312 and in April 1776 he was a Captain of the 4th Regiment, then a Major. He resigned on account of ill health. He entered the Militia after, as Aide to General Rutherford, in the Battle of Camden where he received two wounds, in the thigh and neck.

B 2 Major Thomas Harris was pensioned October 3, 1806 @ \$15.00 a month; May 25, 1821 @ \$18.75 a month. He was an Iredell resident at Mt. Mourne District.*

James Houston J.P. quotes on the 24th of May 1821:

"He joined the Continental Army in Aprile 1776 as a Captain in the fourth N.C. Regiment and served in that (Capacity) ... years in which time he rose to the rank of Major ... he resigned his commission but afterwards went out in the Malitia and acted as Aid to Gen. Rutherford and was wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Camden."

Major Thomas Harris was then 84 years old. He had applied twice for a Pension Certificate that was lost. It was finally settled the 13th of January when a new Certificate was sent him to Mt. Mourne, in the year 1824 by Lewis Williams from Washington, D.C.

* "Schedule of Pensioners" p. 29. Annie Walker Burns
P.O.Box 6183 Apex Station Wash.D.C.
Original Copy of Pension"Gen'l. Services Adm.Receipt
#39921

On the second examination for a new Certificate, Major Harris was examined by two physicians in the Mt. Mourne District; they were his brother Dr. Charles Harris, famous physician of "Favoni", and Dr. David Templeton:

Major Thomas Harris' disability "was caused by two wounds received in the service of the U.S., the one through his neck by a ball the other ... through his thigh." Signed May 25, 1821.

B 3 James Harris, son of Charles & Jane McElhenney (Harris) was born in 1747. He died in 1758. He was spoken of by his father in the latter's will as a sickly boy and that Samuel his brother was to care for him.

B 4 Martha Harris (Margaret) noted as "oldest daughter" was born in "Mill Grove" Cabarrus County now. She married Colonel George Alexander. He was born on 1743 and died on September 18, 1814. He served under General Griffith Rutherford. Colonel Geo. Abraham Alexander in his Pension relates:

*"In June 1780 ... in a Regiment commanded by Colonel George Alexander General Griffith Rutherford ... we went from here ... to South Carolina & was in Battle of Camden August 16, 1780. Again volunteered ... under Col. (George) Alexander ... until August 1781 was discharged by Col. (George) Alexander."

Martha Harris Alexander died February 28, 1819.

Children of Martha Harris & George Alexander:**

C 1 Jane Harris Alexander "oldest daughter"

C 2 Charles Edward "second son" Alexander

B 5 Jane Harris, daughter of Charles & Jane

McElhenney (Harris) was born in the "Mill Grove" Estate of her father in what is now Concord, Cabarrus County. This estate is extremely beautiful. It overlooks the valley below for miles. It is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Propst of Concord, N.C. They permitted this Author and Cousin Jane Nierenburg to admire it, a beautiful memorial to a great family.

B 5 ***Jane Harris was four years of age when her Mother Jane McElhenny Harris died leaving five children.

* "Harris Letters" by H.M.Wagstaff "Jas. Sprunt His.Pub." "Catawba Frontier"1775-1781 Memories of Pensioners" by Mary Elinor Tazenby.Pub.2333 Nebraska Ave.Wash.D.C. 1950 PP 1 & 2.

** "Will of Charles Harris Esq." 1776. Mecklenburg Co.N.C.

*** "His. of Poplar Tent Ch."Will.Shak.Harris 1873;"Colonial Ch. in N.C. J.K. Rouse 1961 Kannapolis pp.72,78-9.

She was then taken into the home of Reverend John Thompson and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, a widow of Samuel Baker.

Jane Harris spoke afterward of her happy days in the Thompson home. She had said that they were the happiest days of her life.

Charles Harris naturally became well acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Baker so that in 1758, the year Mrs. Charles Harris died, Charles Harris Esq. married Elizabeth. Both had children.

When Jane Harris was 14 years old Thomas Reese was a neighbor who was attending Princeton. This was in 1768 and they were attending Poplar Tent Church in Concord.

In 1773 Thomas Reese was chosen pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church in Sumter County South Carolina. This is on the Black River and it still stands today a beautiful picture covered with moss.

Thomas Reese married Jane Harris to take her to the new position after their marriage probably in Poplar Tent Church or "Mill Grove". Jane Harris was then nineteen years of age.

Only after 20 years of service in Salem Church did Dr. Thomas Reese resign for reasons of health in that

cold damp climate of Black River. He was then offered a pastorate at Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Pendleton, S.C. where he died after four years. He was the first person buried there, his grave chosen by General Pickens and General Robert Anderson his close friends. Dr. Reese died in 1796 beloved by all as pastor and physician.

B 7. Dr. Charles Harris, eminent surgeon and physician of Cabarrus County, N.C., son of Charles Harris and Elizabeth Baker, was born on November 23, 1762.*He was a full brother of Dr. Samuel and half brother to Robert Harris Esq.; Major Thomas Harris of the Continental Forces in the Revolution; to James Harris who died young, to Jane Harris (Reese) wife of Dr. Thomas Reese, eminent writer during the Revolution; and half brother to Martha Alexander, wife of George Alexander.

Dr. Charles Harris was married twice; his first wife was Sarah Harris, his first cousin. They had two sons:

C 1 **Dr. Stanhope Harris, second son unknown. One daughter.

* "Harris Letters" by Henry McGilbert Wagstaff in "The Jas. Sprunt Hist. Publications" N.C. Historical Soc. Chapel Hill N.C. 1916

** "Hist. of N.C." by J. H. Wheeler in "Wheeler's Remin." p. 274 & 68 & Letter from Brevard Erwin Harris to Author Feb. 1962.

C 2 Harriett Harris (Cash). She was born on 1793,
died 10-17-1823, aged 30. (N.C. Tombstones
Raleigh). Sarah Harris was born 1766 died
10-3-1803, aged 37. (N.C. Tombstones)

Dr. Charles Harris married the second time to Lydia
Brevard Houston. They had two sons:

C 3 Charles Jay Harris, born 1806, died 1829.*

C 4 William Shakespeare Harris, born November 6,
1815, died October 8, 1875. (Grave Poplar Tent
Ch.) His first wife was Elizabeth Torrence, a
member of a prominent family. Elizabeth Torrence
was born December 31, 1824, died March 5, 1849.

They had a son:

William Jay Harris. William Shakespeare Harris, Jr.

D 1 William Jay Harris, son of W.S. Harris and
Elizabeth Harris 1840-1847

D 2 William Shakespeare Harris, Jr. married Mary
Mills 1848-1883

C 4 **William Shakespeare Harris married Jane Wither-
spoon Ervin. They had five children:

D 1 Charles Jay Harris; married Lalla Hill. Issue:

E 1 Adelaide Harris (Mrs. James Holmes) of Florida

* "Hist. of N.C." by J. H. Wheeler in "Wheeler's Remin."
p. 274 & 68 & Letter from Brevard Ervin Harris to Author
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** Letters to the Author from Jane Morrison Harris (Nieren-
burg) '62.

D 2 Brevard Ervin Harris, Sr. married Bonnie Savage
of Scranton. Issue:

E 1 Brevard Ervin Harris, Jr. married Virginia
Morrison. Issue:

F 1 Jane Morrison Harris (Mrs. Jay Robert Nierenburg)
Concord, N.C. Issue:

G 1 Jill Morrison Harris Nierenburg

E 2 Elizabeth Harris (Mrs. James Stanton Northrup).
Issue:

F 1 Brevard Northrup Barnett (girl)

D 3 Ervin Harris another son of W. S. Harris

D 4 Everard Harris another son

D 5 Janie Harris daughter of W. S. and Jane
Witherspoon Harris

"James Reese, son of David Reese, Sr. of Mecklenburg
County, N.C. married the daughter of Ephraim Brevard.
She was a resident of Iredell County, N.C."

The Brevard Family history was the first contact
that the Author has had connecting the Reese and Harris
families of Concord. The "Harris Letters" of Charles
Wilson Harris confirms that connection. Charles Harris,
Sr. of "Mill Grove" Manor, named his daughters Jane
(Reese), Martha (Alexander) and Margaret. He does not
name a son, William.

E 1 The Morrison-Brevard Ervin Harris Family of
Concord, N.C.:

*John Harris Morrison was born in August 1833 and
died in 1892.

He married Isabella Morrison who was born in 1835
and died in June 1872. Both are buried in Poplar Tent
Cemetery in Concord.

They had a son James Pinckney Morrison, who was
born in 1867 and died in June 1953.

He married Martha Morris, who was born in 1867
and died in 1940. Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery
Concord, N.C.

They had one child:

E 1 Virginia Morrison. She married Brevard Ervin
Harris, Jr. March 1920. They have one child:

F 1 Jane Harris, who married Jay R. Nierenburg
September 1952. They have one child:

G 1 Jill Morrison Nierenberg, born April 1954; she
lives in Concord with the family.

* "Letter to Author from Virginia Morrison Harris May 7, '63.

*The Brevard E. Harris History
Of The Charles Harris Family
Of Cabarrus County

"The first Charles Harris ... came to America from Scotland with their father, Samuel.

"The sons William, Thomas, Samuel, Robert and Charles and one sister, Margaret, went to Pennsylvania ... Three brothers James, Robert and Charles came to North Carolina and settled near what was later called Poplar Tent, on the Rocky River.

"Charles built his homestead ... the original grant was for 150 acres from George III and was signed by the Royal Governor William Tryon in 1769. Charles married Elizabeth Baker and they had three children: Samuel, Charles and James. James died at 16. Samuel graduated from Princeton University and continued on there as a professor until his death in his early thirties." (He died in 1789; "Hist. Mag." 1867 Dawson's)

"The surviving child of this union was the famous Dr. Charles Harris (Nov.23, 1762-Sept.21, 1825). He built "Favoni", ancestral home of the present (1962) Harrises. Dr. Harris was married twice. His first wife

* Letter to Author from Brevard E. Harris 18 Feb. 1962.
Add Box 721 Concord, N.C.

was his cousin, Sara Harris of Mecklenburg County. They had two children:

C 1 Dr. Samuel Stanhope Harris (about 1783)

C 2 Harriett Harris (about 1784)

His second wife was Lydia Brevard Houston of Iredell County. They had two children:

C 3 Charles Jay (1806-1889)

C 4 William Shakespeare Harris (1815-1875)

In a letter from Jane Harris Nierenberg, she states that Charles Wilson Harris was the * "Son of Robert Harris, who was an educator. We are descended from the physician (Dr. Charles Harris) and apparently you are descended from Dr. Wilson Harris, the educator."

"Our records show that 'your' Robert Harris married twice--the first time to a Miss Wilson--and Charles Wilson Harris was their eldest child born in 1771. His second wife was the widow of Gen. William Lee Davidson, and her maiden name was "Brevard". She is not to be confused with Lydia Brevard Houston, second wife of Dr. Charles Harris, the physician."

"Charles Harris, Sr. did have a brother Robert. This man never married. At the time of the Revolution he remained loyal to England. He was ... a pirate and

* Letter 17 March 1962 from Jane Harris Nierenberg of Concord, N.C.

was known ... as 'Jamaica Bob.'

"Our records show that Charles Wilson Harris died in December 1803 at the age of 33 ... his brother lived in Cheraw, South Carolina."

The Robert Harris who was the father of Charles Wilson Harris "was the man who lost his right arm at the Battle of Guilford. He was no relation whatsoever to Charles Harris, Sr. our branch of the family."

The above is strange when it is proved that Robert Harris, the eldest son of Charles Harris, who married twice-Jane McIlhenny and Elizabeth Baker Harris, was a half-brother to Dr. Charles Harris of "Favoni".

*The Brevard Family of North Carolina

The three elder Brevard brothers and one sister came to America before 1740. They went south to North Carolina between 1740-1750.

John married Miss McWhorter, daughter of Reverend McWhorter, a Presbyterian minister, who controlled "Queen's Museum". He returned North. They had settled in Iredell County and reared twelve children, two of whom were Dr. Ephraim Brevard and Mary Brevard. The Tories "burnt his home and buildings, everything was lost."

* "Hist. of N.C." John Hill Wheeler 1851 Vols. I & 2. Lippincott & Grambo & Co. Phil.Pa. p. 237-238.

Ephraim Brevard was a doctor in Charlotte. He was the Secretary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and was a surgeon in the Revolution. He was taken prisoner at Charleston. He was a friend of John McKnitt Alexander.

Dr. Ephraim Brevard left one daughter. She married J. P. Kickerson.

James P. Dickerson was his son-in-law.

Mary Brevard, sister of Dr. Ephraim Brevard, married General William Lee Davidson. The General was killed about 1781 in the War and Mary Brevard Davidson married the widower of Jane Wilson Harris, Alexander-Nathaniel Alexander.

Mary Brevard (Alexander) was again married to a widower, Robert Harris, husband of Mary Wilson (Harris).

Elizabeth Brevard was the daughter of the elder Brevard and thus the Aunt of Mary Brevard (Harris).

*Elizabeth Brevard married James Reese, son of David Reese Esq. of Coddle Creek and a Signer of Mecklenburg. They had ten children.

* "Pioneer Extraordinary" Anne Wilson Idol Winston-Salem, N.C. p. 99.

*Dr. Ephraim Brevard had been impressed into War service in Charleston. He had the paper of the Declaration of Mecklenburg that was written long hand which "is in the Office of State of North Carolina."

"He had entered practise of medicine and gained a character and acquired confidence of his fello citizens ... He acted an important part ... in the Mecklenburg Declaration May 1775 which he drew up."

**"Ephraim Brevard and John McKnitt Alexander were made secretaries. "In the midst of deliberations came news of Lexington. Ephraim Brevard had learned much while a student at Nassua Hall. As an immortal legacy the promptings of that "Magnanimous People". This famous set of Resolutions was signed by Abraham Alexander, and John McKnitt Alexander," (father of Nathaniel Alexander, who married Jane Wilson Harris). "Inscribed with names: E. Brevard, H. Balch, John Phifer, ... Zaccheus Wilson (son-in-law of Robert Harris Esq.), Waightstill Avery ... David Reese" and others. The Regulators were among the Spectators. The Resolutions were forwarded to the Continental Congress ... by James Jack, Captain, and to the Provincial Congress."

* "Revol. Hist. of N.C." Hawk, Swann, Graham 1853.
David L. Swann U. of N.C.

** "Hist. of N.C." John Wheeler Moore Vol. I 1600-1813.

In June 1775 No. 498 of the "South Carolina Gazette" was printed, the Resolves as of May 31, 1775. These were signed by Ephraim Brevard, "Clerk of the Committee."

General Joseph Graham in 1775 was a boy of 19 and he took notes of the Resolutions by hand.

*T. J. Foster, a Treasurer of the Poplar Tent Church in 1962 states "Our history sketch shows the first settlers to be ... David Reese Charles Harris ... Zaccheus Wilson settling here from 1732-51. On May 20, 1775 the following ministers & Elders signed the Declaration of Independence: Rev. Hazekiah Balch; Benjamin Patton; Robert Harris; Zaccheus Wilson; John Phiher and David Reese. Our first bench of Elders were, William Black; David Reese and Charles Harris. To these were added 1771 Nathaniel Alexander (husband of Jane Wilson Harris) ... Robert Harris; Joseph Alexander; ... James Reese."

Charles Harris land lay on a branch of the Rocky River at the head of Reedy Branch including the Beaver Dam.

J. B. Alexander in "History of Mecklenburg" states that Robert Harris lived in Clear Creek, Mecklenburg County, and was a Major in Col. Irwin's Regiment. In 1785 he was a State Senator. In a deed of 1787 a very

* Letter March 5, '62 to Author of T.J. Foster Treasurer Poplar Tent Church, 162 Eva St. Concord, N.C.; "Col.Ch. of N.C." by J. K. Rouse 1961 Kannapolis N.C. pp.67-80.

rich man, and a younger brother Samuel Harris was a Revolutionary Soldier who lived to 80 years.* W. S. Harris states that the two boys (evidently Robert & Samuel) came south in 1740.

In "Record of Accounts" 1785-1832 the will of Charles Harris Senior was listed as \$5354 & Negroes \$3175 & cash \$1000, property \$1179. This was settled after a period of 11 years. Charles Harris had died in July 4, 1776.

Dr. Charles the Patriot served in the Cavalry under Colonel W. R. Davie and conducted a Medical school where he instructed 93 young men. He died September 21, 1825. (Hist. N.C. Wheeler.) p68.

To date the record of the Jane McIlhenney has not been pursued to any extent. One record of a McElhenny is recorded in Augusta County, Va. 1745-1800:

"McElhennys-William, farmer, bought on James River. Robert McElhenny 280 Acres Kerr's Creek Corner delivered to John Stuart 1758. (Is this Kerr's or Carr's Creek) This name has been spelled in about 6 different ways from McIlhenney to McIIhaney.

* "Col. Rec. N.C." Vol. 5 p. 1227

But the record in Poplar Tent Church is probably right, and that "After the death of his first wife, Jane McIllhenney (Harris), Charles Harris in 1758 married Elizabeth Thompson Baker."

The name Rev. Thompson has also been misspelled many times. This also is corrected in the records of his Mt. Mourne Presbyterian Church in old Anson County (now Iredell) where he is buried in the Samuel Baker graveyard.*

"There is strong presumptive evidence that Charles Harris, who emigrated to the Poplar Tent Community of Anson County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1750 was the man who invited the Rev. John Thompson of the Davidson Creek Settlement to preach to the Poplar Tent Pioneers."**

William Shakespeare Harris, the Great Grandson of Charles and Jane McIllhenney (Harris), wrote "Historical Sketch of Poplar Tent Church" and established the forebears of this great family in the Rocky River District.

His grave in Poplar Tent Cemetery says:

"William Shakespeare Harris Nov. 6, 1815-Oct. 8, 1875 for 26 years a Ruling Elder in Poplar Tent Church."

* "Col. Churches of N.C." J.K. Rouse p. 72,79,80 Kannapolis N.C.

** "Hist. Sketch Poplar Tent Church" by W.S. Harris

*The first "Classical School" in North Carolina, was in the Western part, and was in the lower section of Iredell County then Rowan County. It was 2 miles east of Davidson's College near the home of Alexander Osborne and is now known as "The Red House." It was in the bounds of "Centre Congregation" an old church, the church being $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Davidson College. This church School was known as "Crowfield Academy." Foote in "Sketches" p. 434 said it was a flourishing and wealthy district and was broken up after the "Invasion of 1781" meaning the race of Cornwallis after the body of General Greene in which Battle General Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford.

Dr. Ephraim Brevard had entered as a practitioner of medicine and "gained a character and acquired the confidence of his fellow citizens. He acted an important part ... in the Mecklenburg Declaration which he drew up."

The beginning of this school laid the foundation for others who were well known in their college courses ... They were: Dr. William Houston; Dr. Charles Harris, Rev. James McElhenry; Rev. James Lewis. Foote said that a later school was 20 miles from the original near

* "Hist. Mag. Vol. 10 by Dawson 1867; Foote "Sketches of N.C." p. 434. Author E. F. Rockwell Prof. of Davidson's College 1867.

Charlotte and was under Mr. Joseph Alexander who taught after the death of Craighead, in 1766. This was elevated to a college called "Queen's Museum." It closed for 6 years.

Meanwhile a "Clio School" the second "Classical School" was organized in the upper end of Iredell County, called "Clio's Nursery School", near the Yadkin River and Snow Creek, 10 miles north of Statesville. It was begun by Rev. James Hall 1776.

*"Among the teachers are ... Rev. James McEwen; Rev. Francis Cummins; Samuel Harris; Samuel Harris, brother of Dr. Charles Harris of Cabarrus County, who was afterward graduated at Princeton College 1787--was a Tutor there; at (Clio School) in 1788 and died the next year (1788)."

Dr. Charles Caldwell was the last teacher there. He wrote a letter from Kentucky in 1847 saying: "I succeeded Mr. Harris about 1785 or 6 and continued about two years. It was called 'Snow Creek Seminary' not far from Bushy Mountains. Here were the pious and respectful families of Sharps; Kings; Adams; Dr. Richard King; a brilliant imposing."

* "Hist. Mag. Vol. 10, 1867 Dawson's written by E.F. Rockwell Prof. at Davidson's College. pp. 113, 148; & "Foote Sketches of N.C." p. 513

"Other names on the list of students were:

Judge Edward Harris of this State; Dr. Moses Waddell; Bain Alexander; Dr. Charles Harris."

Greek, Latin, English, Belle Letters; Public Speaking; and many other subjects including engineering were studied. The building was burned and closed in 1787."

*"In 1770 a charter was obtained from Provincial Congress Ass'n. to incorporate "Queen's Museum" at Charlotte. It did not receive Royal Sanction but passed 1771, repealed by King George II but in 1777 was incorporated by the General Assembly by the name of "Liberty Hall" ... The Trustees were:-Thomas Polk; Abraham Alexander; Ephraim Brevard, M.C.; John Simpson; John McKnitt Alexander; Rev. David Caldwell; Thomas Reese" and others. The latter were Presbyterian Ministers, the school was under them. The first meeting was Jan. 1778. Lots were purchased ... belonging to Col. Thomas Polk, "The war closed the School & Cornwallis occupied its halls. In 1793 the first lots were sold in Chapel Hill, the cornerstone of the College (of U.N.C.) was laid by Masonic Honors by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of N.C. William R. Davie." (Pl17)

* "Hist. N.C." John H. Wheeler Vol. 1 p. 117 Lippincott & Grambo 1851 Pa.

Rev. David Kerr, the first Professor, was succeeded by Charles Wilson Harris, Professor of Mathematics.

"Mr. Harris remained only a year at the University preferring the pursuit of his profession & in which he would have attained great eminence had not death suddenly closed his career."

J. H. Wheeler records that in 1851 only one out of every 7 children cannot read or write in North Carolina.

Copy of a Deed to Charles Harris of Anson County N.C. 1754

From Robert & Sarah Brevard

of Rowan County N.C.

This indenture made the 19th day of Oct. in the year of our Lord 1758 between Robert Brevard farmer of the County of Rowan & Province of N.C. & Sarah his wife of the one part & Charles Harris farmer of the county of Anson & Province of N.C. of the other part WITNESSETH that they sd. Robert Brevard & Sarah his wife for & in consideration of the sum of 5 shillings current money of Va. to them in hand paid by sd. Charles Harris at & before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargainee & sold unto the said Charles Harris all that tract or parcel of land granted to me the said Robert Brevard by his Majesty's letter patent bearing date the 25th of Feb. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty-four containing by estimation six hundred acres be the same more or less lying and being in Anson in the Province of N.C. bounded as followeth lying & being situate on a branch of Rocky River on the head of Reedy Branch including a large Beaver Dam beginning at a hickory running thence 70 Wt. 138 poles to a white oak then So. 85 Wt. 120 poles to a

Spanish then No. 31 Wt. 140 poles to a red oak then 68 Wt. 90 to a gum then No. 126 poles to a hickory then so. 79 E. 326 poles to a white Oak thence So. 56 E. 126 poles to a white oak thence in a direct line to the first station & all houses buildings, orchards, gardens inclosures, ways waters watercourses, profits, profits, commodities, hereditaments & appuntenances to the premise whereby granted or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining & the reversions & remainders rents, issues, & profits thereof TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said described 600 Acres of land hereditaments & premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said Charles Harris his heirs & assigns from the day before the date hereof for & during the full term of one year from thence next ensuing & fully to be completed & ended yielding & paying therefor the rent of one pepper corn on Lady Day if the same be demanded to the intent & purpose that by virtue of these presents & of the statute fro transferring uses into possession the said Charles Harris may be in actual possession of the premises & be enabled to accept & take a grant & release of the reversion & inheritance thereof to him his heirs & assigns forever IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said

Robert Brevard & Sarah his wife hath hereunto set their hands & affixed their hands seals the day month & year first above written. Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us

Robert Harris Sr.

Robert Brevard (Seal)

William Harris

Sarah Brevard (Seal)

Above is a true & correct copy of the instrument recorded in Deed Book 5, Page 177, Anson County Registry made by Julia L. Hill Deputy Register of Deeds, State of N.C. Anson County 7th March 1962.

"Historical Sketch of Poplar Tent Church"

From a "Reprint" Cabarrus Black Boys' Chapter

D.A.R., Concord North Carolina

By William Shakespeare Harris

A brief introduction and resume of the history of Poplar Tent 1873-1923, by W. Hampton Eubank, Pastor 1924.

"In April 1871 in Salisbury N.C. W. S. Harris was appointed to write the History of Poplar Tent. He did and it was called, "Sketch of Poplar Tent Church". He was the Ruling Elder at the time. It was published in 1873.

"Cornelius Harnett at Wilmington and 50 men made the first armed resistance to the 'Stamp Act.' A monument was raised to Rev. Hezekiah Balch at Poplar Tent Graveyard for his part in the Revolution. There is a Phifer graveyard near the Old Inn on old Salisbury Road. In 1790, Col. Phifer entertained Gen. George Washington here at the Inn and at his home on the Salisbury Road to Charlotte. In the Phifer graves are: Col. Martin Phifer; born 10-18-1720, died 1-18-1791. His wife Margaret born 10-29-1722 died 1-18-1803; 3 sons-John Phifer, Patriot, statesman, born 1746 died 1777; Col. Caleb Phifer born 1718 died 7-3-1811; Col. Martin Phifer, Jr. born 3-25-1756 died 11-12-1837.

Col. George Alexander (Son-in-law of Charles Harris Esq.) was an Elder in Poplar Tent; David Reese Esq. a Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration; Robert Harris (Son of Charles Harris Esq.) a Signer; Col. Charles McClure; James Cannon, Sr.; James Cannon, Jr."

*"The first settlement was made in Poplar Tent in 1732 on a plantation east of the Church, owned later by Jediah Wallace and now '73 by Mrs. Caldwell."

(Refer to a short history of Cabarrus by Corvin)

School pupils and Teacher 1932-3

"There was a burial Place on George C. McClure's place on Rocky River. Here was buried young Mrs. Clark killed by the Cherokees; this is 2 miles S.W. of Poplar Tent and contains the ashes of all early Presbyterians of this section. This is the oldest graveyard in Cabarrus County.

Mr. Thompson preached several times during the summer of 1751 and frequently in 1752-3 under the Poplar Tree. He died and is buried in Baker's Graveyard Iredell County near the road from Mt. Mourne to Beattie's Ford. The Tree fell in 1802. From 1753 on, only Spenser and McWhorter preached temporarily until 1764.

"The settlers before 1769 were: Pattersons; Pattons; and Archibald Houston. In 1769 Mr. Balch brought several

* P. 9 "Hist. Sketch of Poplar Tent Ch." W.S. Harris
1873 Cab. Black Boys D.A.R.

families; Mr. Wallace, father of Jediah; and grandfather of Rev. James Wallace of Alabama and Rev. M. J. Wallace of Arkansas." In 1770 came the Crawford Carringtons; McCalebs; McRaes; Fraziers; Killoughs; Reids; Smiths; Bakers.

John Phiher settled in Buffalo Creek or "Red Hill" later; was called "Long Place." John Phiher was a Signer of the Declaration. On his plantation near his home the "Black Boys" headed by Capt. Black Bill Alexander of Sugar Creek and the Whites of Rocky River effected their "Achievement" 1771 by destroying the King's powder. Mr. Phiher is buried on "Red Hill". He was the father of Gen. Paul Phiher. He was the grandfather of John H. Phiher of Mississippi and great grandfather of Charles H. Phiher of 1861.

The Caldwells from Delaware settled at Johnathan A. Davis' on the west side of Rocky River. (He says Caldwell's access to Poplar Tent was 1780.) The head of the family was from Ireland. Was the father of Dr. Charles Caldwell physician and author in Philadelphia and head of Transylvania University and professor of Louisville Medical College. "He became mad through the study of a strange philosophy. Dr. Caldwell died in 1859, is buried in Louisville, Ky. Benjamin Patton was a Signer

and member of Poplar Tent. Then came Gilmers; Allisons; Hopes; Bradfoeds; Dewies; Rosses; Stevensons; Isaac Pickens; Martins; Youngs; Mitchells; Baines; Gardners; Giles; Cheeves; Means; Weddington; Newmans; and Shields. Mr. Cannon married Anna Black, pioneer. Johnstons later, intermarried with Mary Crawford an early pillar. William Shields a member, a generous soldier of Sumter, discovered a bag of gold of the enemy; carried it to the Marquee of the General; he bought shoes for the fellow soldiers.

"After the installation of Mr. Balch, Charles Harris and David Reese died at their respective homes. William Black was a first Elder died near Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Balch died in 1776. A second bench of Elders were Nathaniel Alexander (Husband of Jane Wilson Harris) and Abraham Alexander. In 1771 were: James Barr; Robert Harris Esq. (Son of Charles Harris Esq.); James Alexander; George Alexander (Son-in-law of David Reese); James Reese, son of David. (See the monument in front of the Church). In 1847 at a meeting of the R. R. Commission, Judge Osborne, Dr. Charles Wilson Harris and others met, and discussed a monument to Balch. It was raised and he is buried in the center of the first burial ground.

In 1793, Rev. Alexander Caldwell was pastor for 4 years. He married Sarah Davidson of Hopewell. They had 3 children all living in 1871, all advanced in years, Rev. David Caldwell D.D. their ancestor of Guilford County. His reason tottered. He was returned to Guilford where he died 1841."

In 1791 Rev. Samuel McCorkle D. D. was of Thyatira Church in Rowan County. At stated meeting were Elders; Robert Allison; Robert Hope; Robert Harris; George Alexander; in 1801 Rev. John Robinson until '43. Rev. Robinson was born near Sugar Creek Church but was a pupil of Mr. Archibald of Poplar Tent. He married Mary Baldwin a gifted lady. He had two sons and two daughters who lived. Three of them are still living. One son, Samuel, travelled and took part in foreign wars. Rev. Robinson was in Eastern North Carolina 8 years and one year in Fayetteville and at Poplar Tent 1801, for 5 years. He taught a Classical school. He returned in 1809.

In 1802 the Elders were Robert Allison; Robert Hope; Robert Harris; George Alexander; Jediah Wallace. Hope died in 1808; Robert Harris died 1804?; George Alexander died 1814; Robert Allison, 1804." Elders about 1820 were: John Stephenson who moved to Missouri; Jos. Young

in 1823 died in 1835; Levi Hope in 1833; moved to Missouri 1838. Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell was stated supply 1841 and in 1842 Dr. Robinson who died 1843 after 36 years as pastor. He received his D. D. in 1829 from University of N.C. He had many pupils at Poplar Tent, all natives of Poplar Tent settlement. Dr. Samuel Dickson was head of the Charleston Medical College. Dr. Cyrus Johnston D.D. was a pupil of Dr. Robinson. He died in 1854. Governor Israel Pickens, a pupil of Dr. Robinson and Daniel M. Barringer Minister at the Court of Spain were his pupils.

Other pupils of Rev. Robinson: James Graham; John F. Brevard; Lawson H. Alexander; Richard H. Alexander; Daviel Coleman; James E. Kerr of N.C.; Gen. John N. Phifer of Mississippi; George H. Harris of Tennessee; Lieut. Gov. Cummin of Missouri; all of Dr. Robinson's School.

The medical students of Rev. Robinson: Dr. Joel B. Houston; S. S. Harris; Ross; Cash; Gilmore; Joseph Young of N.C. etc. and Dr. A. C. Houston of Alabama.

In 1843 Elders were: Walter Pharr; John Johnston; William Allison; Robert Caldwell; Dr. Charles Wilson Harris; David Johnson; I. Cannon; Thomas Robinson. John Johnston died in 1845; David Johnston died '45.

In 1847 Rev. Hall wanted to build a new church. "The third Poplar Tent Church was built. The old church was a frame house; this was built of bricks. Charles Wilson received his dismissal as a Elder but died soon after.

William Shakespeare Harris was elected Elder in 1849. In 1855, M. W. Johnson; D. S. Caldwell; E. R. Harris, Sr.; Charles McKinley were elected Elders. In 1859 McKinley died, was buried Rocky River Church. Robert S. Young, a Confederate Soldier, was killed 1864 in Petersburg, Virginia; buried in Poplar Tent.

Mr. Edwin R. Harris (son of Robert W. Harris) was an Elder 14 years. He died March 27, 1869.

The Deacons in 1871 were: C. J. Harris; John C. Ross; J. H. Morrison; Robert Johnston; C. A. Barringer and A. Reedling.

Wm. Churchill Houston of New Jersey was born in Poplar Tent, educated in a log cabin academy. He graduated at Princeton 1768, was Professor of Math 1771 at Princeton; a lawyer and statesman in N.J. delegate to the Convention 1787. He married Miss Dickinson, daughter of the President of Princeton. He died in 1788.

Gov. Nathaniel Alexander's mansion, "Morehead Place," is near Poplar Tent, 3 miles east of the road to Charlotte

from Concord. He taught in a log cabin school, graduated in Princeton 1775, died 1808. He is buried in Charlotte beside his wife. Dr. Samuel Harris, native of Poplar Tent and of the Academy (of Poplar Tent) was a Tutor there until 1789 (in Princeton.) He became a Minister and was buried in Princeton College Cemetery.

Dr. Charles Wilson Harris was born 2 miles from Poplar Tent in 1771; went to school in Poplar Tent; graduated in Princeton 1792, was the first President of N.C. died in 1803; buried in Sneedsboro, Anson County. Thomas Reese, D.D. a graduate of Princeton College and a distinguished minister of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, was born and brought up here. (Error; Thos. Reese born in Pa. 1742). He died in South Carolina in 1796.

Caleb Phifer, a member and legislator; Gen. Robert Smith a soldier of the Revolution was a native and resident of Poplar Tent. Major Robert Smith was born here and died here 1836; was a Senator. Israel Pickens was born within 3 miles ... was first governor elected in Alabama and a senator; died in Cuba.

Rev. Humphrey Hunter, Irish born, went to school in Poplar Tent, was a soldier in the Revolution and pastor of Steele Creek Church; he died in 1827. Charles

Caldwell M.D. and Samuel Harris were both of Princeton. Thomas Allison was unmarried, was a teacher; 1871 the teacher was James H. Morrison.

Dr. Charles Harris, eminent physician and surgeon organized a medical school in Poplar Tent District and educated about 90 men for the medical profession. He died in 1825."

Rev. W. Hampton Eubank was pastor from 1922-1924. He wrote the "History of Poplar Tent Church". The Elders from 1873-1923 were: William Shakespeare Harris 1873; D. S. Caldwell; Nath. Johnston, Jr.; Isaac Pharr; C. C. Caldwell; Stan Johnston. Those in 1923: Robert Caldwell; Chas. Allison; Charles P. Caldwell; F. Allison; George Cline."

"Poplar Tent Directory 1962"

Concord, North Carolina

Ministers in Poplar Tent from 1769 - 1874:

Hezekiah Balch 1769-1776

Robert Archibald 1778-1792

Alexander Caldwell 1792-1801

John Robinson 1801-1843

Walter Wellington Pharr 1843-1857

Daniel Allen Penick 1858-1873

James Henery Thronwell 1874-1878

Address; Route No. 1, Concord, Cabarrus County, N.C.

*"Colonial Churches of North Carolina", by J. K. Rouse:

"Seven miles west of Concord stands ... the old Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church established in 1751. The first bench of Elders were: William Black, David Reese and Charles Harris. The second group of bench Elders consisted of Nathaniel Alexander and Abraham Alexander. To these were added by the choice of the congregation in 1771; James Barr; Robert Harris; James Alexander; George Alexander; and James Reese." The Ruling Elders ... in 1778 were: James Alexander, J. Ross; and Robert Harris."

* "Col. Churches in N.C." J.K.Rouse Kannapolis N.C. 1961 p. 70-80.

"The present colonial brick building was erected in 1851-52." There is strong presumptive evidence that Charles Harris (Esq.) who emigrated to the Poplar Tent community of Anson County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was the man who invited the Rev. John Thompson of the Davidson Creek Settlement to preach to the Poplar Tent pioneers ... It is a matter of record that after the death of his first wife, Jane McIlhenney Harris, Charles Harris married Elizabeth Thompson Baker, the daughter of the first Presbyterian minister to make his home in Western Carolina."*

"The first regular pastor of Poplar Tent Church was Rev. Hezekiah James Balch, a native of Deer Creek Hartford County, Md. He was active in the meetings held in Mecklenburg County and participated in the sponsorship of the Resolutions of the Declaration. (See the writing of Dr. J. B. Mack and Albert Franklin White)

Rev. Wade Hampton Eubank, believes that Rev. Balch was the author of the Resolutions that were first read at a prayer meeting, the day before the Convention May 20, 1775, and that Dr. Ephraim Brevard was the clerk who copied those words already written by Rev. Balch.

* P. 79. "Col. Ch. in N.C." by Rouse; p. 80 Kannapolis N.C. 1961

The following graves are marked in Poplar Tent Cemetery:

Rev. John Robinson D.D. died Dec. 15, 1843, aged 75

Dr. W. W. Rankin born May 19, 1814 died Nov. 23, 1857

William Shakespeare Harris born Nov. 6, 1815 died Oct. 8, 1875. For 26 years a Ruling Elder in Poplar Tent Church. (p.80)

Some other Harris graves there are:

Elizabeth B. Harris, wife of Edwin; 1817-1872;

Jay B. Harris, 1843-1890; Lulu Harris, wife of Chas. Jay, 1868-1882; Ileta Harris 1867-1892; Chas. J. Harris 1806-1889; Mary Mills Harris, wife of W. S. 1848-1883; Mary Ann Barringer Harris, wife of Chas. W. Harris II 1810-1844. (Noted on gravestones by Author.)

*Edwin Robert Harris' land of Concord, land of gold and granite.

From Dr. Mitchell's Diary: "Edwin Robert Harris (Son of Robert Wilson Harris), who graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1828 fell in with us here ... within 3 or 4 miles of Concord we passed over granite and hornblende rock 7 miles from Poplar Tent Church ... continued until ... we were some miles west of Rocky River. I know now that it belongs to a peculiar formation containing gold lying about Charlotte. Turned aside to see a recently opened gold mine on Mrs. Moses W. Alexander's land ... very hospitably entertained by Dr. Joseph M. Alexander living 10 miles from Charlotte ... hard by Charlotte, started down the Providence Road. Had dinner at Gen. Paul Barringer's ... passed Hopewell Meeting House, a handsome brick building and found Robert Hall Morrison first President of Davidson's College. Learned ... there is red land of the gold region on Waxhaw Creek. I went on to Gen. Graham's (Gen'l. Joseph Graham who fought gallantly in the Revolutionary War, Brigadier General in the War of 1812, Major General of Militia. He died November 2, 1836, aged 77)."

* "Jas. Sprunt Hist. Monographs #3." U.N.C. Bulletins

High at the top of the Concord hills is the ancient estate "Mill Grove", seat of Charles Harris Esq. and Robert Harris Esq., his son. Today in 1962, this beautiful mansion still stands overlooking a lovely valley below. It was built before 1776 and is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Propst of 35 Ingleside Drive, Concord, who graciously allowed this Author to visit the estate. The original barn still stands, an excellent example of early craft.

"Favoni" the former estate and Seat of Dr. Charles Harris, son of Charles Esq. still stands but is in need of restoration. It was a massive and outstanding example of early Colonialism in the South.

*A letter from William Shakespeare Harris, son of Dr. Charles Harris, prominent surgeon of the Revolution, to Alexander McIver Esquire:

"My Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of the 12th inst. reached me by due course ... It is with profound gratification that I enter upon the pleasant task of giving you all the information that is in my possession in regard to my kinsman, Charles Wilson Harris and his connexion with the early educational interests of North Carolina ... and in the history of the man now rests with me alone. His nearest kinsman (Mr. Edwin R. Harris) a graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1828 died on the 27th inst. You are correctly informed that Charles Wilson Harris was elected & served as the first Professor of Mathematics in the University in 1795 and through his instrumentality, Dr. Caldwell was made his successor. Mr. Harris was a graduate of Princeton, and studied law in Halifax under Gen. William R. Davie. It was through General Davie's influence that Mr. Harris was induced to take the Chair of Math, but he only consented to occupy it a short time. He then resumed his profession

* "Spencer Papers" Vol. I 1859-1875-"N.C. Hist."Comm. Raleigh
This letter written April 22, 1869 from W.S. Harris Cabarrus Co.

at Halifax Court House and succeeded to the practise as well as the great influence of Davie. His career at the Bar was exceedingly brief though it promised well for a brilliant fame. At this period, apparently so auspicious for distinguished usefulness, he fell into a decline but at first his disease, consumption was so insidious and slow that Davie and other distinguished men of that time prevailed upon him to accept a place on the Bench. But in the Fall and Winter of 1802, his disease became so intractable in its progress that he declined to permit his name to go before the Legislature. He lingered some time after this and died in December 1803, at the residence of his brother (Robert) at Sneedsboro S.C. and lies buried in Anson County N.C. There was a few years ago, a marble headstone, to mark his last resting place and I presume it is standing still. He died at the early age of 32 and was never married. He was, emphatically, a man of genius-of finished education and unsurpassed abilities in all the departments of life to which the exigencies of fortune or duty called him. And withal and exceedingly pure in his habits and unspoiled in his character though he was not a professor of religion or communicant in any church.

His great preceptor, Davie afterwards removed from Halifax to Chester S.C. and lies buried at Waxhaw only a day's ride from his distinguished Pupil.

Mr. Harris' father (Robert Harris Esq.) was a prominent Whig soldier in the Revolution and lost his right arm in the Battle of Guildford, though he survived his gifted son and died in 1808.

Mr. Harris was born at "Mill Grove" (property which I now own and by which you have frequently passed) now Cabarrus but Mecklenburg at the time of his birth. His Mother's name was Wilson-she died early leaving two sons and one daughter of whom Jane Wilson was the eldest (Author). My Uncle Robert Harris, Charles Wilson Harris' father, afterwards married the widow of Gen. William Lee Davidson who fell at Cowan's Ford and after, whom Davidson College was called. It was by this Lady in part, that Charles Wilson was brought up. (Her maiden name was Brevard and sister of the author of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.) It is fitting that I should here explain how Mr. Harris' death occurred at Sneedsboro, S.C. His only brother a prominent and successful merchant-was then living and doing business at Cheraw Sneedsboro and Mr. Harris, though far spent with the

insidious disease of consumption went there on a visit to his brother and family and after a brief sojourn ended his days ... etc."

"Remember me kindly to Mrs. McIver, very Truly Yours,

Your Friend

Will. S. Harris

P.S. I would extend this letter to an interminable length to give all the ancestral antecedents of this man and therefore I have reserved that subject for some other communication in the event you should deem it of sufficient interest to pursue the enquiry and further."*

* "The Cornelia Phillips Spencer Mss. Collection" Raleigh Arc. N.C. P.C.23.

North Carolina Tombstones

Archives Raleigh N.C.

The Charles Harris Family

Robert Harris died 3-22-1808 aged 66. Buried McClures Cemetery

Mary Wilson (Harris) wife, died Nov. 10, 1794 aged 48, McClures

Robert Wilson Harris, son, died June 19, 1812, Sneedsboro, S.C.

Charles Wilson Harris, son of Robert Esq. died January 15, 1804. Buried Sneedsboro, S.C. Lower Anson County, Cheraw Dr. Charles Harris, son of Charles Esq. born November 23, 1762 died September 21, 1825. Buried Private Harris Cemetery in Cabarrus County.

Dr. Charles Wilson Harris II, son of Robert Wilson Harris, died January 19, 1857 aged 54 buried Poplar Tent. Sarah Harris, wife I of Dr. Chas. died October 3, 1803, aged 37.

Lydia Brevard Harris, wife 2, died November 24, 1847 aged 82.

Sarah Harriett Harris (Cash) daughter of Sarah Harris died October 17, 1823 aged 30.

William Shakespeare Harris, son of Dr. Charles Harris, grandson of Charles Harris Esq. of Rocky River died October 8, 1875 buried in Poplar Tent Cemetery.

Elizabeth Torrence Harris, his wife, died March 5, 1849.

William Jay Harris, their son, died April 23, 1847.

Dr. Samuel Harris, son of Dr. Charles of "Favoni" died January 20, 1847 aged 48.

Jane Witherspoon Harris, wife #2 of W. S. Harris, died August 22, 1890.

Elizabeth Abbigail Harris, daughter of Charles W. Harris II died July 25, 1836 aged 6 years.

Edwin Robert Harris, son of Robert W. died March 27, 1869 age 61.

Abbigail Hackett Harris, wife of Robert Wilson Harris, died January 4, 1856 aged 92 buried Poplar Tent.

Mary Ann Barringer, wife of Charles W. Harris II died April 17, 1844 aged 34.

Elizabeth B. Harris, wife of Edwin Robert Harris, died August 11, 1872 aged 55.

Charles Jay Harris, son of William S. Harris, died May 13, 1889.

Lulla Harris, his wife, died March 22, 1882 buried Poplar Tent.

Jay B. Harris died November 24, 1890 buried Poplar Tent.

CHAPTER A 5

PART 1

DR. JOHN HARRIS D. D.

A 5 *John Harris I, D.D. was born September 29, 1725-6 on the East Shore, Maryland. He married Mary? about 1758 and died on 1790 in Abbeville, South Carolina.

They had 5 children according to the wills of him and his eldest son, Handy Harris. The children were:

B 1 Handy Harris who was born January 8, 1760 on the East Shore. He married Ann?. He died June 8, 1805.

B 2 John Harris II was born December 6, 1762 on the East Shore. He married Mary Pickens daughter of Brig. General Pickens. He died April 24, 1845 in Pendleton, S.C.

B 3 Elizabeth Harris married Mr. Joseph Erving.

B 4 Anna Harris married Mr. McCurdy.

B 5 Thomas Harris

A 5 Rev. John Harris of Abbeville, S.C. came from Wales with his father and settled in Maryland, according to Samuel Alexander in "Princeton College in the 18th Century." In 1756 he was ordained...as pastor of Indian River Church in Delaware. "This charge he resigned in 1759 and removed to the South and in 1772 we find him pastor of Long Cane and two other churches in S.C. where he remained until 1779."

* Will of Rev. John Harris, Abbeville Ct. House, B107
Pack 2895 '30.

Will of Dr. Handy Harris "Will Book A p. 64" Anderson
Ct. House, Roll 320. May 27, 1805

G. M. Giger states that "John Harris was examined by the New Side Presbytery on October 12, 1753; was ordained pastor of Indian River, Delaware 1756, resigned 1769, sent to ... Virginia, North Carolina, etc.. In 1771 the synod ordered him to supply at Hitshcock's Creek, North Carolina for 3 months. In 1774 he joined the Orange Presbytery and in 1784 he set off with 5 others to form the South Carolina Presbytery."

* Howe in the "History of the Presbyterian Church" says that Rev. John Harris was in Long Cane Abbeville 1769; and in 1772 took charge in Ft. Boone, Bull Town and Long Cane. (Quote from Mss by Dr. Cummins, Commissioner of Presbytery of South Carolina.)

Howe states that Harris was in Waxhaws first in April 11, 1775-6. And that in 1779 he was released on account of bodily indisposition. He says:

"John Harris was of medium stature, sturdy frame erect carriage, and commanded respect, was judicious and pious... An aged lady heard him preach under a chestnut tree near Pickens house, a Block House, on the site of Abbeville Village." In 1773 he had formed a settlement in the 'Flat Woods' in McKinley's Creek and Little River; and

*"Prin.Coll. during the 18th Cent." pp.22-3, A.D.F.Randolph & Co. '72. "Hist. of Pres. Ch. in S.C." Geo.Howe pp.439-442; "Colon.Ch. in Middle & S. Colonies."

as a landowner and planter he bore no small share of losses and suffering inflicted by the Indians and Torries. Much of his instructions were given in these Forts on the Savannah River... His preaching stations were built for protection against Indians...Hopewell, a palisade Fort with port holes was called Fort Boone."

"At Bull Town was a fort in the vicinity of his Plantation and in this place Indians and Tories were active. He was often obliged to flee. He often preached with his gun in the pulpit and ammunition was suspended around his neck." Thus quoted Mrs. Mary E. Davis of the old Huguenot Colony; printed in "Southern Presbyterian Review." Vol. XV p. 78.

George Howe stated that John Harris was the only pastor in South Carolina in 1753?. He said that Ft. Boone named for Governor Boone, was at Bull Town at the rear of Harris' Plantation.

Rev. John Harris served as a member of the Second Provincial Congress 1775-1776 to be held at Charles-Town in December 1775. This was to represent Ninety-Six District. There were ten delegates from this district.*

* "S.C. Hist. Mag. Vol. VII, No. 2 April 1906; "S.C. Gazette Thursday Sept. 7, 1775...; "Abstracts of old Ninety-Six" W.P. Young.

John Harris I was the forerunner of all the Harris families of Abbeville and Anderson Counties in South Carolina. J. C. Calhoun was the attorney for his last will, filed in Abbeville Court in which he named his children:

Handy Harris; John Harris; "Youngest" Thomas; "Eldest" daughter Anne Handy; "Second" daughter, Elizabeth (Erving); and granddaughter, Elizabeth Leurina McCurdy. He died in 1790.

Recapitulation of services of Rev. John Harris

1753 - 1784

*1753 graduated from Nassua Hall, Princeton College

"1753 the only pastor in S.C." said George Howe

1756-1784 Indian River Presbyterian Church Delaware; Manokin, Salisbury; Wicomico in Maryland.

1771 Hitchcock's Creek, Virginia N.C. Quote G.M.Giger.

1772 Long Cane; Bull Town; Ft. Boone. Quote George Howe.

1774 Orange Presbytery. Giger.

1775-6 Waxhaws. George Howe

**1775-6 Provincial Congress Member Ninety-Six District

1784 Helped form S.C. Presbytery

* Letter from Princeton College to Author, "Col.Ch.Md." Fred Lewis '50

** "S.C.Hist.Mag.Vol.VII No. 2 1906 April; " S.C. Gazette Sept.'75.

B 1 Dr. Handy Harris "Eldest" son of Rev. John & Mary Harris of Abbeville County S.C. was born on January 8, 1760 in the East Shore Md. and married Ann?. He died June 8, 1805. His will was made May 7, 1805. (See Will Book A p. 64 Roll 320 Abbeville County S.C.)

Issue:

C 1 Nathaniel Harris

C 2 Daughter

C 3 Daughter

"Wife Ann; Brother John; Brother Thomas; Brother Irving (Erving); my Executors."

Witnesses: Will Davis; Mary Harris; Martha Harris.

Recorded by his brother, John Harris O.P.D. Ordinary of Anderson County for 40 years.

A 5 Will of Rev. John Harris filed 1830:

"I John Harris...Minister of the Gospel...Give and bequeath to my eldest son Handy Harris that tract of land I took up lying on Savannah R. between lands taken up by Peter Collins & lands belonging to John Calhoun Esq. to him the said Handy & his heirs forever:

Item 1. I give & bequeath unto my second son John Harris that tract of land on which he now lives to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my second daughter Elizabeth Erving the wife of Joseph Erving the plantation on which I now live to her & her heirs forever upon condition that the same Joseph Erving his heirs Executors or administrators make a sufficient title to a good negro boy or fellow between the ages of sixteen and thirty within the terms of fourteen months from the date thereof; & also that he permit me to take my use of the peach trees now standing in the nursery & also the maple trees now fit to be transplanted.

Item. I give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Anne Handy McCurdy a tract of land lying on thealso I bequeath to my granddaughter Elizabeth Leurina McCurdy one negro girl named Sal. It is also my will that two

"Last Will of Rev. John Harris B 107 Pack 2895 Filed 1830 Abbeville Co. Ct....J.Calhoun Attorney."

tracts of land lying upon the Keowee R. be sold by my Executors when they should think such sale most proper for the benefit for my said daughter Anne who out of the sale of said lands shall be made equal with what she & her daughter Elizabeth (of said equality) my wife & son John shall be the sole judges) & if after the above application of the price of said lands; if there be any remainder it shall be divided among my heirs at the discretion of my Executors.

Item. I give & bequeath to my youngest son Thomas Harris that tract of land which I bought of Charles Collins to him & his heirs forever; excepting one third part thereof which I reserve to use of my beloved wife during her natural life & widowhood which third part shall be laid off to her as she shall choose.

Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Harris one small tract of land adjoining the last mentioned tract containing about seventy acres as also all my real or personal estate during her natural life & widowhood after the payment out of it of all my just debts.

Item. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Harris Executrix and my sons Handy and John Harris Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed sealed and published and declared by the
Testator in the presence of each other."

Robert Hall

John Bowie

Joseph Wason

Executors:

Mary Harris

Handy Harris

John Harris Esq.

A Copy of the Will of Dr. Handy Harris son of Dr.
John Harris "Will Book A" page 64 Roll 320 Anderson,
South Carolina.

"...Give to my sister Anna (McCurdy) that tract of
land on which she now lives previously granted to McCurdy
except that I sold to John Montgomery 'upon his paying
me or my Executors \$405.93 with interest from January 1st,
1805 until said sum is paid allowing her ten years to pay.'

I give & bequeath to my wife Ann all my personal
estate...also I give unto my son Nathaniel Harris all
my lands in Pendleton District lying on Little Beaver
Dam Creek and all the rest not willed to sister McCurdy...
I give... unto my two daughters a tract of land in

Abbeville District which I purchased of William Callahan to be theirs at the death of my wife.

It is my will that my Executors have the tuition & discretion of my son Nathaniel until...his 21st birthday... that they purchase for my two daughters when they come of age out of that part of my estate to which I left my wife each a well-bound Bible...and do nominate constitute & appoint my wife Ann, Brother John, Brother Thomas Harris with Brother Erving my Executors."

Signed May 27, 1805

Handy Harris

Witnesses:

William Davis

Mary Harris

Martha Harris

CHAPTER A 5

PART 2

PRIVATE JOHN HARRIS

of

"HARRISBURG" S. C.

A 5 Pv. John Harris Esq.

Progenitor of South Carolina Families

Pv. John Harris, son of Rev. John Harris, was born Dec. 6, 1762 in the East Shore, Md. He married Mary Pickens of Waxhaws about 1784. He died April 24, 1845 and is buried with honor at Harrisburg, his own plantation in Townville, S.C. (See his application for pension below.)

At 18 years of age, he entered the War and was shot in the left eye. He suffered with the wound for over a year but courageously re-entered the conflict and finally joined the forces in the North under General LaFayette and continued there until the surrender of Cornwallis at York.

He lived a long and useful life both as planter and as Ordinary in Anderson Probate Court for 40 years.

He and Mary Pickens (Harris) bore 11 children whose ancestors abound today in South Carolina.

Pv. John Harris' mother was Mary. We have not established her maiden name but many of us believe her name to have been "Handy". Neither have we established her burial place.

Mary Pickens (Harris) was born February 19, 1766.

She died May 27, 1836.* Her father was General Andrew Pickens; her mother Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens) daughter of Ezekiel Calhoun.

They bore 7 sons and 4 daughters. The 2nd daughter was Rebecca who married Henry Dobson Reese, son of Dr. Thomas Reese of Old Stone Presbyterian Church 1792-1796.

Pension Application by Pv. John Harris

Pension #S21808

Part 1 Issued 5th March 1833

Part 2 Pension Issued Dec. 9, 1833

Sent to Hon. J.C. Calhoun, U.S. Senate

Part 2: In the Court of Common Pleas, Anderson Co. S.C. Sworn to in open Court 1st Oct. 1833. Van Lawton C.C.

..."I was born in Dec. 1762 on the Eastern Shore Md. My Father moved to North Carolina when I was a small boy and lived there one year. He then removed to Abbeville Dist. S.C. and settled on Little River where we resided throughout the Revolution contest. My first military service was in a small Fort near Capt. Noble where the neighbors assembled for protection against the Indians... I remember that I was there in the winter & in the harvest

*"N.S.D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Reese Anderson; "Pension S21808"; "The Pickens Family" Kate P. Day pp 43-46. Hiott Press, Greenville, S.C.

time when 40 or 50 men would go to harvest the field, that I stood sentry that I would frequently go with some Negroes from the Fort to my Father's place six miles distant to look after the crop and stock. In the Spring 1778, my Father finally yielded to the entreaty I had long urged & permitted me to enter the ranks of the Whigs as a Volunteer. I joined the Company of Capt. Alex. Noble which comprised all the Whig settlers of our neighborhood & went out whenever summoned by---the Captain. From a payroll of that Company before me, it appears that in a short expedition commencing the 3rd of May 1778 in which the company marched down to Edgefield Dist. my name is put down for 3 days more and I am sure that I was at least for six days in actual service in these two towns under orders of my Captain...I know of no living witness to these services within my reach. In the Summer of 1778 I was again called out & went in Capt. Noble's Co. under Col. Andrew Williamson and Major Andrew Pickens in expedition against the Indians when we crossed the Savannah River for the purpose of aiding the settlers in the upper part of Georgia who were mostly in Forts and Blockhouses threatened by the Indians. From a payroll now before me it appears that my service is entered for six days commencing

28th August 1778 and for 43 days commencing 14th October 1778 & it is said in a remark at the bottom of the roll that Capt. Noble returned all the men to the blockhouse (Abbeville Ct. House) from 29th Aug. 1778 to 4th Dec. 1778. I believe that I was in actual service all this time...Samuel Earl is the only living witness that I know of who could prove this period of my service...from another payroll of Capt. Noble's Co. It was employed in an expedition against the Tories under Col. Andrew Pickens from 13 Feb. 1779 to 15th July 1779 & that my name is entered for 150 days with the remark that I was wounded 1779 the whole of this period & long after, I was either actually engaged in service or disabled by a wound. I belonged to a detachment under Lieut. Calhoun which was stationed at the McGowin? on the Savannah R. near the Cherokee Fort...the Whigs from the Blockhouse attacked them (the Tories under Col. Boyd) on the Georgia side 3 days before the Battle of Kettle Creek in which Col. Pickens defeated them. In this attack I WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD THE BALL ENTERING AT THE LEFT EYE COMING OUT IN FRONT OF THE RIGHT EAR and by this wound I was prevented from being in Picken's expedition and disabled for more than a year. My payroll was returned by the Capt. for the

whole time the Company was out, but for a much longer time I WAS SUFFERING UNDER MY WOUND. In the Spring of 1780 the Regiment...was called out for the relief of Charleston then besieged. Hearing of the fall of Charleston I returned through Dutch Fork & I was one of the detachments which on our return was stationed at the Blockhouse... I joined Col. McCall in an enterprise which he undertook to surprise the British at Augusta by raising a body of active Whigs secretly & joining himself to Col. Clark of Georgia who was chief in command. We embarked at least a month before the Battle of Kings' Mountain which was the 6th Oct. 1780, marched to Augusta took 60 British prisoners engaged at the same time with the Indians shot the British forces in their Fort and would have taken them had not a detachment from Ninety-Six come to their relief...McCall retreated up the Saluda R. spent two weeks in the mountains on the border of N.C. almost without food & joined Lieut. Morgan a short time after the Battle of Kings Mt. I remained until the Battle of Cowpens 1781 in which I was in the left wing of the Militia under McCall. After the battle I was under Gen'l Pickens who marched the prisoners into the mountains of Northern Carolina...I was then obliged to retire from S.C. and went into Augusta Co. Virginia. In the fall of 1781 I joined Capt. Johnston's Co. in Va. &

in Col. Mathews Reg. & joined the Army under GENERAL LAFAYETTE and continued in service until after the surrender of Cornwallis, at York for at least 3 months.

(Following is a recapitulation of his time spent under the officers.)

Pv. John Harris at the time of his application was aged 71. His pay started from March 4, 1831 at the rate of \$54.43 a year.

Was it any wonder that his wife's father Genl. Pickens admired this brave young soldier? What a shame he had to wait 50 years for his small payment. God bless his memory.

A 5 Children of Pv. John & Mary Pickens (Harris):*

B 1 Andrew Harris born 1785 died 1859 buried ^{near} Townville, S.C.

B 2 Rebecca Harris (Reese) Born 1785-6 died Green Co. Ala. about 1805

B 3 John Harris III Born 1789 md. Sarah Gilles E. Harris

B 4 Mary Handy Harris (Noble) Born 1781 md. Alex. Noble

B 5 Elizabeth died young

B 6 Dr. Nathaniel Harris born 1796 exec. of Pv. John Harris Estate

* Family Bible of Orpha Harris Gr. niece of Orpha Harris of Anderson, S.C.

B 7 Ezekiel Harris born 1797 md. Jane Thomas

B 8 Thomas Handy Harris unmarried born 1800

B 9 Joseph Pickens Harris I born 1803 md. Anne
Anderson

B 10 Eliza Caroline Harris (Burns) born 1806 md.
Jordan Burns 1811-1878.

B 11 Benjamin Harris 1808

A 5 *Children of Pv. John & Mary Pickens (Harris)
of Pendleton, S.C.:

B 1 Andrew Harris born 1-30-1785 married Jane Russell;
he died June 27, 1859. He is buried with her at Harrisburg,
S.C. (See family)

B 2 Rebecca Harris (Reese) born 12-7-1786 married Henry
Dobson Reese of Pendleton, S.C. She died about 1853⁵ in
Green Co. Ala. (See the family of Henry Dobson & Rebecca
Harris (Reese) below).

B 3 John Harris III born 2-22-1789 married Sarah
Gilles Erving daughter of Elizabeth & Joseph Erving?

B 4 Mary Handy Harris born 2-16-1791 married Alexander
Noble son of John & Mary Calhoun Noble (See the family below)

B 5 Elizabeth Harris died young

B 6 Dr. Nathaniel Harris born 1-13-1796; was the
Executor of his father's estate died June 25, 1837 "aged

* Family Bible of Orpha Harris & Mrs. Calhoun Harris of
Anderson S.C.; Pension S21808 of Pv. John Harris; N.S.D.A.R.
452969 Jenness Reese (Anderson); "The Pickens Family"
Kate P. Day pp 43-46.

43". He married Bathsheba Cain (See the family reference on the previous page)

B 7 Ezekiel Harris born 10-20-1797 married Jane Thomas (See family reference on previous page)

B 8 Thomas Handy Harris born 7-1-1800 was unmarried

B 9 Joseph Pickens Harris I was born 12-16-1803 married Anne Anderson daughter of Robert Anderson Jr.; he died March 15, 1880. (See their children below)

B 10 Eliza Caroline Harris (Burns) daughter of Benjamin Harris I was born May 9, 1806 married Jordon Burns. He was born 6-4-1811 died 11-15-1878. (See family reference on previous page.)

B 11 Benjamin Harris Executor of his father's estate was born December 22, 1808.

B 1 Children of Andrew & Jane Russell (Harris):

C 1 Rebecca Harris married Washington Liddell

C 2 Lucinda Thomas Harris

C 3 Thomas Russell Harris

C 4 Andrew Harris Jr.

C 5 John Ewing Calhoun Harris

C 6 Mary handy Harris

C 7 Nathaniel Augustus Harris

C 8 William Alexander Harris

C 9 Jane Anne Frances Harris (McCrory) md. Edmund
McCrory

C 10 David Ezekiel Harris

C 11 Martha Tabatha Harris

C 1 The children of Rebecca Harris daughter of
Andrew Pickens Harris and Jane Russell (Harris); who
married Washington Liddell:

D 1 James Andrew Liddell

D 2 Rachael Jane Liddell

D 3 Lucinda Eliza Liddell

D 4 Mary Elvira Liddell

D 5 George Washington Liddell

D 6 John Thomas Liddell

D 7 Rebecca Caroline Liddell

D 8 Sarah Anne Liddell

D 9 Harriett Vashti Liddell

D 10 Newell Liddell

D 11 Julia Anna Liddell

*The children of Lucinda Liddell, daughter of
Rebecca (Liddell)

D 3 Lucinda Eliza Liddell married Thompson Miller.

Issue:

E 1 William Thomas Miller

E 2 John Andrew Miller

E 3 Mary Rebecca Miller

E 4 Rachael Miller

E 5 Thompson Miller

E 6 Patrick Noble Miller

E 7 Ezekiel Pickens Miller

E 8 David Seal Miller

E 9 Joseph Alea Miller

E 10 Lucinda Miller

E 11 George Washington Miller

E 12 Thomas Russell married Permilvia Allen (Miller)

C 9 **Jane Anne Frances Harris, daughter of Andrew
married Edmund McCrary. They had a daughter Julia McCrary.

D 1 Julia McCrary married James Alexander Price. Issue:

E 1 Mary Jane Price "Mamie". Lives in Iva, S.C.

* Quoted from Family Bible of Orpha Harris. Add. Frances
Calhoun (Harris) wife of Calhoun Harris Dec'd. Anderson S.C.
**Quoted by "Mamie" Price from Bible of Helen Copeland copied
from Eliza Barksdale Pickens dau. Col. Thos. J. Pickens.

E 2 Helen Price (Copeland)

E 3 Josephine Price (Blackwell)

Edmund McCrary is buried in Old Stone Cemetery, and six other McCrarys are there also. The old farm place was located on the road now called, S 122 about 2 or 3 miles from "Treaty Oak," across the highway from the Reese farm.

B 3 *Children of John Harris III & Sarah Gilles E.

Harris:

C 1 John Ewing Harris

C 2 Benjamin Bonneau Harris I md. Orpha Harris

C 3 Samuel Harris md. Nancy Remmer; Annie Young

C 4 James H. Harris md. Catherine Simmons

C 5 Thomas Harris

C 6 Joseph Pickens Harris

C 7 Mary Ann Harris

C 8 Pickens Earle Harris ? **

(See their families below)

* Family Bible Orpha Harris Gr.Niece of B.Harris; Fam.
Bible Lucy Cathern Harris (Holcomb); Mrs.Calhoun
Harris Anderson, S.C.

** Family Bible Viola McLaughlin, Anchorage, Alaska to author

B 3 John Harris III was the son of Pv. John and Mary Pickens (Harris). He was the grandson of John Harris I D.D. of Abbeville, S.C.

This John Harris was originally called John Harris Jr. until this Author found the Will of Rev. John Harris and that of his eldest son, Handy Harris, both of which confirmed their relationship to that of Prominent Private John Harris, Ordinary of Anderson, S.C. (See their wills below).

B 3 John Harris III married Sarah Gilles Erving Harris. He was born February 22, 1789 on the ^{SENECA} East Shore ^{"Harris bury" SC} Maryland. They had seven children:* They were:

C 1 John Ewing Harris

C 2 Benjamin Bonneau Harris born July 20, 1811. He married Orpha Harris. She was born February 14, 1815. They were married on December 25, 1835. (See their children below).

C 3 Samuel Harris, son of John Harris III married twice: Anne Young, Nancy Remmer.**

C 4 James H. Harris married Catherine Simmons***

C 5 Thomas Handy Harris was unmarried. He was born July 1, 1800.

*"Family Bible of Orpha Harris in possession of Mrs. Calhoun Harris of Anderson, S.C.

**Family Bible of Lucy Harris Holcomb, gr.dau. of Samuel Harris.

***Letters to author from Viola McLaughlin, Anchorage, Alaska

C 6 Joseph Pickens Harris son of John Harris III
married ~~Mary Story Reese~~.

C 7 Mary Anne Harris married Mr. McCrary.

C 8? Pickens Earle Harris? He was named in the Will
of John Harris third. No verification is known at this
time of his being a son.

C 2 Benjamin Bonneau Harris & Orpha Harris had many
children:

D 1 John C. Calhoun Harris married Lucy McCarley
(see below)

D 2 Frances Jane Harris (Todd)

D 3 Benjamin Bonneau Harris II

D 4 Sarah Gilles Harris (Hall)

D 5 Mary Catherine Harris (Johnston)

D 6 Ann Handy Harris (Dickson)

D 7 Louisa Caruth Harris (Burns)

D 8 Oscar Harris

D 9 Lucy Harris

(See their families below)

C 2 *Benjamin Bonneau & Orpha Harris' Family:

Benjamin Bonneau Harris I, son of John Harris III, grandson of Pv. John Harris & Mary Pickens Harris was born July 20, 1811, married December 25, 1835, died September 11, 1894; is buried with Orpha in the Townville Presbyterian Cemetery. Orpha was born February 14, 1815 died November 10, 1877 (Gravestones).

C 2 Children:

D 1 John C. Calhoun Harris born October 13, 1847 in Townville, S.C. He married Lucy Jane McCarley who was born January 3, 1853, died October 7, 1908 (Gravestone) John Calhoun died February 14, 1940 is buried in the Townville Presbyterian Church Cemetery. (See their family)

D 2 Frances Jane Harris born November 6, 1849 married William Barr Todd. (See their family below)

D 3 Benjamin Bonneau Harris II, son of Orpha Harris was born December 31, 1851. He married Nannie Hudgens and had many children. (See below) *Both buried Pres. Ch. Pennington S.C.*

D 4 Sarah Gilles Harris was born February 10, 1837-9. She married David Hall.

D 5 *Mary Catherine Harris, daughter of Orpha Harris, was born June 19, 1838. She married James Thomas Johnston. He was born December 24, 1855. She is buried in Townville Presbyterian Cemetery.

D 6 Ann Handy Harris was born March 13, 1843, married William Bayliss Dickson and died June 11, 1932. Mr. Dickson was born January 17, 1841, died March 11, 1926. They married February 12, 1867.

D 7 Louisa Carruth Harris born May 18, 1845, married John Burns her cousin, the son of Eliza Harris Burns; he was born in 1846, died November 19, 1920. Louisa died September 13, 1895. The Jordan Burns' monument is at Townville Baptist Cemetery.

D 8 Oscar Harris was born in 1855; he married Sarah E. Jones.

E 1 Calhoun Harris, son of John C. Calhoun Harris, was born February 23, 1874*. He married Frances Chiles Morrah daughter of John William Marrion and Jane Irene Rebecca Bradley (Morrah). Issue:

F 1 John Morrah Harris was born October 10, 1909.

F 2 Patrick Bradley Harris Sr. who married Elizabeth Orr born March, 1911.

F 3 Alice Chiles Harris was born November 23, 1912

The Morrah Family graves are at Lower Long Cane Presbyterian Cemetery.

Patrick Bradley Harris Jr. the son of Elizabeth and Patrick Bradley Sr. Lives in Anderson, S.C. and is interested in his Genealogy.

*Family Bible of Todd Family Anderson S.C. as told to Author by Adville Murchison Todd 6-5-1961; Mrs. Calhoun Harris, Anderson, S.C.

D 2 Jane Frances Harris, second child of Benjamin B. and Orpha Harris was born November 6, 1849. She married William Barr Todd. Issue:

E 1 Archie Lee Todd married Adville Murchison (See reference on previous page.)

E 2 Henry Summers Todd unmarried.

E 3 Benjamin Harris Todd married Mary Cole, a Canadian.

E 4 Essie Durham Todd married William E. Adkinson.

E 5 Frank Edwards Todd married Edith Wintersmith.

Their son is Archie Todd.

E 6 William Barr Todd Jr. married Harley Burriss.

E 1 Children of Archie Lee Todd & Adville Todd:

F 1 Martha Frances Todd married James Lindsay.

F 2 Archie Lee Todd, Jr., married Polly Wellborn.

F 3 Roderick Murchison Todd married Mary Jean Manley.

D 3 *Benjamin Bonneau Harris II, son of Orpha and B.B. Harris I married Nannie Hudgens. They had 10 children:

E 1 Henry Harris of Napa, California.

E 2 B.B. Harris III of Denton, Texas.

E 3 Robert Harris unmarried.

E 4 James Harris born October 10, 1893, married Blanche Wilder.

* Family Bible of Orpha Harris originally Bible of Ann H. Harris, 1809 Woodward & Orpha Harris gr. Niece of B.B. Harris I. In possession of Frances Morrah Harris (Mrs. Calhoun Harris).

E 5 Jack or John Harris born May 20, 1885 died February 11, 1902.

E 6 Leila Harris born in 1888, married H.P. Russell.

E 7 Nannie Lu Harris was born in 1888, died in 1945.

E 8 Augustine Harris "Youngest brother."

E 9 Orpha Harris "Was 85 in 1961" lives in Pelham, Georgia. Aided in information of the Harris family.

E 10 Bonneau Harris was born in 1883, died in 1935.

D 4 Sarah Gilles Harris, daughter of Orpha Harris was born February 10, 1837-9 married David Hall.

D 5 Mary Catherine Harris, daughter of Orpha was born June 19, 1838, married James T. Johnston. He was born December 24, 1835. They had several children:

E 1 Samuel Robert Johnston, was the son of Catherine & James Thomas Johnston. He married Julia Schroeder. They had 5 children:

F 1 John Verner Johnston married Hattie Simpson.

F 2 Lida May married Herbert W. Spears.

F 3 Mattie Vic married Clifton Snelgrove.

F 4 Lucile Harris Johnston married Tugaloo Herring and corresponds with author, also gives valuable genealogy. Lives in Townville, S.C.

F 5 *Annie Catherine Johnston, daughter of Mary

*Family Bible records of Lucile Harris Johnston Herring of Townville, S.C.; Family Records of Orpha Harris & Mrs. Calhoun Harris of Anderson, S.C.**

See index Russell.

Catherine Harris (Johnston) married Ralph Michael O'Neal of Anderson, S.C. They are interested in their genealogy. Ralph was the son of Michael O'Neal of Ireland. Ralph was Treasurer of Anderson many years.

D 6 Ann Handy Harris daughter of Benjamin Bonneau & Orpha (Harris) married February 12, 1867 to Mr. William Bayliss Dickson. (See reference previous page)

D 6 They had a daughter:

E 1 Orpha Dickson

Ann Handy (Dickson) was born March 13, 1841 died 1932. William Bayliss Dickson died 1926.

D 7 Louisa Carruth Harris, daughter of Benjamin Bonneau & Orpha Harris, was born May 18, 1845. She married John Burns, son of Jordan Burns and Eliza Caroline Harris (Burns). He was born April 20, 1846, died November 19, 1920. Louisa C. Burns died September 13, 1895. They were married December 24, 1864 at the home of B.B.Harris by Rev.Wm. McWhorter. Their children were:*

E 1 Susan Emma, born September 17, 1868, died January 31, 1938.

E 2 George Edmund Burns 1870 - May 1945.

E 3 Sally Hall Burns 1872-1908 married John Wesley Suttles (Below)

*Family Bible of Will G. Suttles; John Harris Burns, Linden, Texas, and Annie Harris, 1601 Raynold St., El Paso, Texas.

E 4 Mary Tallulah Burns 1876-1959 married C.B. Fant.

E 5 Samuel Oscar Burns 1879-1894.

E 6 John Harris Burns 1881 - Lives in Linden, Texas

E 7 William Abner Burns 1883-1947

E 8 Thomas Calhoun Burns 2-19-1886 lives in Jefferson,
Texas.

E 9 Jordan Benjamin Burns 1874-March 15, 1942.

* E 3 Children of Sally Hall Burns & John Wesley

Suttles of Iva, South Carolina:

F 1 John H. Suttles 1893-1949 married Georgia Spears.

F 2 Louvera Suttles unmarried.

F 3 Mary Eliza Suttles married Mr. Forrester & Mr.
Carwile.

F 4 Jim Suttles married Miss ^{L. McKee} ~~Locket~~ lives in Iva, S.C.

F 5 Varina Suttles married Mr. Alwine.

F 6 William Gassaway Suttles unmarried lives in
Iva, S.C.

F. 7 Annie Lee mcd L.C. Carwile

Gave valuable aid in this research, devoted count-
less hours. The Suttles Cemetery is at Mt. Tabor Baptist
Church.

John Wesley Suttles was the son of Anna League Suttles.
She was born April 22, 1824, died January 29, 1907.

** See p 267 BIRTHS Letter from W.G. Suttles*

D 8 Oscar Harris, son of Benjamin Bonneau Harris Sr. was born in June 20, 1855. He married Sarah Elizabeth Jones and died September 28, 1857. They are buried in Townville Presbyterian Church.

D 9 Lucy Harris, daughter of B.B.Harris Sr. was born in June 4, 1857.

C 3 Samuel Harris, was the third child of John Harris III, and Sarah Gilles E. Harris. He married twice: Anne Young; Nancy Rimmer.* The children of Anne Young (Harris) were:

D 1 Handy Harris, born February 8, 1843, and died December 2, 1920. He married Amanda Hayes, daughter of Bessie Woolbright (Hayes.) She was born May 24, 1875 and died March 15, 1915. Issue:

E 1 Martha Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Handy Harris and Amanda Hayes (Harris) was born July 15, 1868. She married E.M. Brown. She died November 18, 1940.

E 2 Sarah Jane Harris

E 3 William Bonneau Harris

E 4 Lucy Cathern Harris was born May 24, 1875. She

*Quote from Family Bible of Lucy Harris (Holcomb) Anderson, S.C. June 1961.

married H.W.Holcomb, who was born December 18, 1867 and died July 11, 1927. He is buried in Townville Presbyterian Cemetery. Issue:

F 1 William Harris Holcomb

F 2 Walton Holcomb

F 3 Henry died at age 21

F 4 Chevis Holcomb

F4a. Joe "Just before me" said Jennie Holcomb

F 5 Jennie Elizabeth, granddaughter of Handy and Amanda Hayes (Harris) lives in Anderson, S.C.

F 6 Helen Amanda Holcomb also granddaughter of Handy Harris married James Elbert Turner who died July 3, 1961.

E 5 Alice May Harris, daughter of Handy Harris

E 6 Rev. John S. Harris, son of Handy Harris

E 7 Carl Harris, son of Handy Harris

C 4 James Handy Harris was the son of John Harris III and Sarah Gilles (Harris).* "James H. Harris was born March 30, 1832 married Catherine Simmons who was born 3rd February 1846. ... Two brothers, Pickens Earle Harris and James H. Harris moved to Tishomingo County Mississippi in 1850." James H. Harris was named in the administrators' list of the estate of his grandfather,

* Quotes from Oma Stephens gr.Dau. of James H. Harris & dau. of John Noble Harris in letter to author from Viola Harris McLaughlin of Anchorage, Alaska.

John Harris II Esq. who listed in item 2: "Heirs of son John Harris Jr."

C 5 Thomas Harris

C 6 Joseph Pickens Harris, son of John Harris III and Sarah Gilles I. (Harris).

C 7 Mary Anne Harris, youngest daughter of John Harris III married Mr. McCrary.

Most of the children of John Harris III, son of John and Mary Pickens (Harris) are buried in the "Harrisburg" Plantation Cemetery beside their parents. Some of the monumental stones still have their names etched into the stone. They are:

*Pv. John Harris Esq. Revolutionary Patriot Dec. 6, 1762-'45.

John Harris Jr.

Children of John Harris Jr.

Andrew Harris, son of Patriot John Harris

Jane Russell (Harris) his wife

Ezekiel Harris, son of Patriot Harris

Dr. Handy Harris 1760-1805.

In the Townville Presbyterian Church Cemetery are buried: Benjamin Bonneau and Orpha (Harris); John C.

*"Harrisburg Cemetery" is near Townville, S.C.

Calhoun Harris; Samuel Robert Johnston and Julia Schroeder (Johnston); Oscar Harris and Sally Jones (Harris); Anne T. Harris wife of Joseph P. Harris; H. W. Holcomb.

In Old Nazareth Cemetery in Townville, S.C. are buried:

Samuel P. Harris 3rd son of John Harris III.

Lucinda M. Harris, born May 9, 1859 died October 12, 1862. This cemetery is among the trees and difficult to find. It is about 3 miles west of Townville.

*The Family of Viola Harris (McLaughlin) of Anchorage, Alaska:

C 8 "Pickens Earle Harris was my great grandfather. He married Drusilla Simmons. He was born in 1832. Drusilla Simmons was from Abbeville County.

"Pickens Earle and his brother, James H. Harris were both in the list of dividers of the Estate of Private John Harris Esq. of Abbeville County, S.C." Thomas H. Simmons was also named in it. Ann Simmons was the wife of Thomas H. Harris. Both were named by Dr. Nathaniel Harris one of the Executors to appear to settle the final papers of the Will. This was in August

*Letter to Author from Viola H. McLaughlin. Add. Anchorage, Alaska.

29, 1853 eight years after the death of Pv. John Harris.

James H. Harris and Pickens Earle Harris both moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi in 1850. "The entire family of Pickens Earle Harris went to Texas for good. Recently I located a granddaughter of James H. Harris... she has in her possession an old family Bible containing birth records:

'James H. Harris born 30 Mar. 1822 m. Catherine Simmons B. Feb. '46.

M. L. Harris B. 3 Jan. 1845

John Noble Harris B. 27 Nov. 1846

J.H. Jr. Mar. 1848

Joseph Pickens B. Mar. 1850 died Mar. 1864

Sarah A.B. 23 Oct. 1852

Mary E. Harris B. 1 Dec. 1854 died 22 Nov. 1871

Maggie Harris B 39 Mar. 1866

William Oscar Harris B. 24 Apr. 1857

Julia S. Harris B. 5 May 1859

H. C. Harris B 27 Jan. 1863

Emma Harris B. 14 Aug. 1868

John Noble Harris had a daughter Oma Stephens.

*B 4 Mary Handy Harris was the fourth child of John Harris and Mary Pickens Harris. She was born on February 16, 1796. She married Alexander Noble, son of John & Mary Calhoun Noble. They had two children:

C 1 John Noble

C 2 Catherine Noble who married Mr. Berrion.

B 5 Elizabeth Harris daughter of Pv. John & Mary Pickens (Harris) died young.

B 6 Dr. Nathaniel Harris son of Pv. John Harris was the 5th child of Pv. John & Mary Pickens (Harris). He was born on January 13, 1796. He was Executor of his Father's estate. He married Bathsheba Cain. Issue:

C 1 Mary Harris daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Harris

C 2 Eliza Harris

C 3 Rebecca Catherine Harris

C 4 William Cain Harris

C 5 John Miller Harris

C 6 Samuel Noble Harris

C 7 Margaret Pickens Harris

C 8 Floride Calhoun Harris

C 9 Nathaniel Harris, Jr.

*Family Bible of Orpha Harris & Mrs. Calhoun Harris
Anderson, S.C.

B 7 Ezekiel Harris, 6th child of Pv. John & Mary Pickens (Harris) was born October 20, 1797. He married Jane Thomas. They had 6 children:

C 1 Maria Harris

C 2 John Harris

C 3 George Pickens Harris

C 4 Mary Eliza Harris

C 5 Andrew Harris

C 6 Thomas Handy Harris

B 9 Joseph Pickens Harris 1, son of John & Mary Pickens Harris was born December 16, 1803. He married Anne Anderson, granddaughter of Col. Robert Anderson of South Carolina. They had seven children:

*C 1 Martha Maria married Dr. John Holland (See below)

C 2 Robert Anderson Harris died in the Civil War

C 3 Mary Pickens Harris, a twin unmarried

C 4 John Andrew Harris, a twin of Mary P. Harris

C 5 Caroline Harris, one of a triplet, married Mr. Bellot (below)

C 6 Joseph Pickens Harris II, one of the triplets

C 7 Augusta Harris one of the triplets died in infancy

*Family Record of "Harris House" 1601 Raynold St. El Paso;
Orpha Harris Gr. Dau. B.B.Harris & Nannie Hudgens

C 1 Children of Martha Maria Harris (Holland):

D 1 John Holland

D 2 Lula Holland

D 3 George Holland

D 4 Henry Holland

D 5 Frank Holland

D 6 Emma Holland, married Robert M. Anderson her
2nd cousin

D 7 Mattie Holland

C 5 Caroline Harris (Bellot) had several sons:

D 1 John H. Bellot a Presbyterian Minister. He had
a son D. L. Bellot whose address is 3701 Vermont Street,
Los Angeles.

D 2 Joseph L. Bellot lives at 2176 S. Towne, Pomona,
California.

D 3 Paul Bellot lives in California

C 6 Joseph Pickens Harris II married Mary Story
Reese daughter of Elihu Milton Reese, son of Henry Dobson
Reese. They had many children. (See reference previous page)

C 6 *Joseph Pickens Harris II was the son of Joseph
Pickens Harris I and Anne T. Anderson. He married Mary
Story Reese the daughter of Elihu Milton & Caroline

* Family Records of Annie Harris 1601 Raynold St., El
Paso, Texas.

Wardlaw (Reese). (See their family under Henry Dobson & Rebecca Harris (Reese):

C 6 Children of Joseph Pickens Harris II:

D 1 Robert Harris died young

D 2 Mary Caroline Harris (See reference previous page)

D 3 Augusta Harris

D 4 Annie Walker Harris who gave the Author very valuable help

D 5 Ruth Maria Harris

D 6 Joseph Pickens Harris III; married Ada Lee Langston. He was born in 1883, died in 1960. He was born in "Harrisburg Plantation" home of Patriot John Harris and Mary Pickens Harris. He was a druggist, soldier and oil operator. His father, Dr. Joseph P. Harris I and two uncles, Robert and John Harris were soldiers in the Confederate Army. He was an engineer in World War II.

D 7 Milton Reese Harris

D 8 Floride Kathleen Harris

D 9 Edward Bissell Harris

D 10 John Anderson Harris

D 11 Dr. Rebecca Calhoun Harris

D 2 Mary Caroline "Mamie" Harris, daughter of Joseph P. Harris II married Dr. L.L.Burkhalter. They have two sons:*

E 1 Lee Harris Burkhalter

E 2 Joseph Brunson Burkhalter. Their mother died, September 17, 1930.

D 3 Augusta, died in infancy

D 4 Annie Walker Harris, lives in El Paso. She exchanged genealogy with the Author.

D 5 Ruth Maria Harris unmarried. Died August 9, 1959.

D 6 Joseph Pickens Harris III married Ada Lee Langston

D 7 Milton Reese Harris married Mae Byrd. They have a son

E 1 Martin Reese Harris, son of Milton Reese Harris.

D 8 Floride Kathleen Harris unmarried; lives in El Paso.

D 9 Edward Bissell Harris married Emma Schriver. They have a son:

E 1 Edward B. Harris, Jr.

D 10 John Anderson Harris married Lois Wilson. They have one daughter:

E 1 Mary Lois Harris (Banks)

*Gen. of Joseph Pickens Harris I-II-III in Family Bible
Rec. Add. Miss Annie Harris, 1601 Raynold St., El Paso, Texas

D 11 Dr. Rebecca Calhoun Harris, married Charles W. Monroe. They have a daughter:

E 1 Mary Martha Monroe

John Anderson Harris "Jack" died March 17, 1959

Charles Walter Monroe died March 9, 1951

B 10* Eliza Caroline Harris, daughter of John and Mary Pickens Harris, was born May 9, 1806. Died June, 1883. Married Jordan Burns who was born April 6 and died November 15, 1878. They had three children and many grandchildren. Their children were:

C 1 Thomas Christopher Burns. Susan Emeline died, age 9

C 2 John Burns. He was born April 20, 1846; married Louisa Carouth Harris (daughter of B.B.Harris) on Dec. 24, 1864. They had nine children:

D 1 Susan Emma Burns, born September 17, 1868; died January 31, 1938; married John Wesley Suttles (See Suttles Family)

D 2 George Edmund Burns, born January 18, 1872; died February 1908.

D 3 Jordan Benjamin Burns, born January 14, 1874; died March 15, 1942.

D 4 Mary Talullah Burns born December 13, 1876; died July 10, 1959; married Mr. C.B.Fant. Mr. Fant was born

*Geneal. of Eliza Burns by W.G.Suttles Iva S.C. Gt. Gr. Son Louisa Harris (Burns)

September 2, 1880 and died November 28, 1958.

D 5 Samuel Oscar Burns was born February 7, 1879 and died July 20, 1894.

D 6 John Harris Burns was born March 23, 1881; is living in Linden, Texas.

D 7 William Abner Burns was born January 14, 1883; died May 31, 1947 at Phoenix.

D 8 Thomas Calhoun Burns was born February 19, 1886; is living in Jefferson, Texas.

D 9 Sally Hall Burns was born January 18, 1872; died February 1908. She married John Wesley Suttles.

B 11* Benjamin Harris was the last child of Mary Harris, daughter of Brig. General Andrew Pickens and his wife, beautiful Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens).

John Harris III Esq. named all of his children in his will and also remembered his childrens' wives and husbands. He named as executors his sons: Nathaniel, Joseph Pickens I, and Benjamin, the youngest. Witnesses were: Charles Bruce; Handy H. Bruce, William S. Woolbright. The date of signing it was February 17, 1845. Recorded in Will Book B.p. 204 Roll 998, Anderson County.

**Re-capitulation of births & marriages of the children:

*"Orpha Harris Family Papers" add. Frances Calhoun Harris, Anderson S.C.; "The Pickens Fam." Kate P. Day 1951 Easley, S.C.
p. 41

**Gravestones

Andrew Harris was born 1-30-1785. Married Jane Russell.
He died 6-27-1859 (gravestone).

Rebecca Harris (Reese) was born 12-7-1786. Married about
1805 to Henry Dobson Reese, son of Dr. Thomas Reese. She
died about 1856, Green County, Ala.

John Harris III was born 2-22-1789. Married Sarah G.I.
Harris. He died 2-1835.

Mary Handy Harris was born 2-16-1791. Married Alex. Noble.
Elizabeth was born 10-9-1793. Died as child 12-1795.

Dr. Nathaniel Harris was born 1-13-1794. Married Bathsheba
Cain. He died 6-25-1837 "aged 43" (His gravestone)

Ezekiel Harris was born 10-20-1797. Married Jane Thomas.

Thomas Handy Harris was born 7-1-1800. Unmarried.

The Will of Private John Harris of Pendleton, S.C.

"I John Harris...do make and publish this my last
will and testament in manner & form following (viz):

Item 1st. To my son Andrew in addition to what I
have already given him I will that he have (at the valua-
tion of appraisers) property to the amount of two hundred
dollars.

Item 2d. To the heirs of my son John dec'd. in addi-
tion to what he had received, I will that they have property
to the amount of one thousand dollars valued as above.

Item 3d. To my son Nathaniel in addition, to what he

has received I will that he have property to the amount of two hundred dollars valued as above.

Item 4th. To my son Ezekiel in addition to what he has received I will that he have property to the amount of two hundred dollars valued as above.

Item 5th. To my son Thomas Handy the money that I have already advanced for him & the amount for which I was security for him will make up his legacy in full.

Item 6th. To my son Joseph Pickens in addition to what he has received I will that he have property to the amount of two hundred dollars valued as above.

Item 7th. To my son Benjamin in addition to my Negro boy Adam I will that he have property to the amount of seven hundred dollars valued as above.

Item 8th. To my daughter Rebecca Reese in addition to what I have already given her I will that she have my Negro girl Clarissa to be secured to her during her natural life and at her death to whomever of her heirs of her body she may will her.

Item 9th. To my daughter Mary H. (Noble) in addition to what she has received, I will that she have my Negro girl or woman Jane.

Item 10th. To my daughter Eliza C. (Burns) in addition to the Negro girl Rose which I have given her I will that she have property to the amount of two hundred

dollars valued as above as aforementioned.

Item 11th. I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Harris in fee simple forever a Negro girl named Phillis with my bed and furniture and the choice of a milch cow also that she have the services of my Negro woman Sarah during her widowhood or natural lifetime, then s'd woman to revert back to my children.

Item 12th. I will that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate previous to the distribution of any of the foregoing legacies.

Item 13th. I will that whatever property there may be over and above what I have already distributed be equally divided among all my children, also that my sons Nathaniel & Joseph act as trustees for my wife.

Item 14th. I do hereby appoint my sons Nathaniel, Joseph P. and Benjamin my Executors to this my last will & testament and that they shall appoint the appraisors to make the distributions as above directed. Witness my hand & Seal this 17th February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and seventieth of American Independence.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Charles Bruce

Wm. S. Woolbright

Handy H. Bruce

John Hsrris (LS)

*Recorded in "Will Book B page 204 June 23, 1845" proved June 23, 1845 William Magee O.A.D. Roll No. 998

Final Accounting of the Estate of John Harris Esq. by
J. P. Harris

Received \$5909.55

Liabilities \$3343.42

Balance \$2566.13

Balance divided between ten children \$2131.34 (each receiving \$213.13):

Andrew Harris to receive \$213.13 & \$21.31 or \$234.44

Rebecca (Reese) to receive \$234.44; note held by

Exrs. against H.D. Reese \$187.45 leaving \$46.99.

Mary Harris

N. Harris

E. Harris

Thomas Harris

J.P. Harris

Benjamin Harris

Jordan Burns

All of the above to receive \$234.44

All of the above have signed.

These signatures were signed after 1859 when final payment was made to the heirs.

Wettlement of the Will of John Harris II Esq. son
of Rev. Harris:

Anderson Probate Court Roll #998. Will Book 'B'
p. 204 Recorded June 23, 1845. Proved June 23, 1845. William
Magee O.A.D.

Copied from the Will by Jenness Reese Anderson Reyes
Great Great Granddaughter of John Harris II:

"In Ordinary Anderson, personal estate of John Harris
Esq. to Divisors for settlement issued 29 August 1853 by
H. Hammond O.A.D.:

"To Benjamin Harris; Samuel Harris; James H. Harris;
Thomas Simmons & wife Ann Simmons; Jordan Burns & wife
Eliza C. urns; Andrew Harris, heirs at law of John Harris
Esq. Dec'd. greetings:"

"Dr. Nathaniel Harris one of the Exrs. of the Will
of said John Harris (Dec'd) having filed his petition in
my office praying that a final settlement of the afore-
said Dec'd. Estate. It is he hereby ordered that each
of you do appear in the Court of Ordinary for Anderson
District at Anderson Ct. House on Monday 12th day of
September next as I shall proceed to make a final settle-
ment of the aforesaid Dec'd Estate.

Given under my hand & Seal of office at Anderson
Dist. Court House this 29th day A.D.1853. Herbert
Hammond O.A.D."

"We accept the legal services of the above citation
this 8th day of September 1853." Signed:

T. H. Harris

Thomas H. Harris

J. P. Harris

B. B. Harris

P. E. Harris

L. P. Harris

Jordan Burns

Andrew Harris

Albert McCrary

This was eight years after the death of Pv. John
Harris.

Graves of Reese-Harris-Pickens-Calhoun Kin in S.C.

Harrisburg-Townville:

John Harris Esq. B. 1762. Died April 24, 1845, Pendleton,
Rev. War

Andrew Harris, son of John Harris

Jane Russell (Harris) wife of Andrew Harris

Dr. Handy Harris brother of John Harris Esq. son of Rev.
Harris

Ezekiel Harris

Children of John Harris II & Sarah Gilles Harris his wife

John Harris III son of Mary Pickens (Harris)

Mt. Tabor Baptist Cemetery near Townville:

Sallie Burns (Suttles) 1872-1908)

Emma Burns (Suttles) 1868-1938 2nd wife of J.W.Suttles

John Wesley Suttles 1862-1946

Child. B. Watkins Suttles 3-24-1905-5-9-1906

Old Stone Church Cemetery, Pendleton, S.F.:

Dr. Thomas Reese 1st to be buried there. 1742-1796
aged 54 years.

John Milton Reese D. 11-1816

Horatio Reese Jr. d. 10-30-1835

Anna F. Reese

Mary Eliz. Reese infant

Osenappa son of George Reese

Ann Reese

Horatio Reese Sr. B 4-8-1786 d. 5-22-1830

Mary Story B 9-5-1822, aged 80 daughter, Anna

George Reese Lieut. B 11-11-1837, d. 1922, aged 85

Jane Harris (Reese) wife of Dr. Thomas Reese & of Col.
Rob. Anderson

Eliza Miller 2nd wife of C. W. Miller

Elam Sharpe B. Iredell N.C. 1-3-1777 d 9-19-1851 m.
Eliz. Miller

Eliz. Sharpe wife died 1-7-1872 aged 81

Julia M. Price b. 4-6-1860 d. 11-10-1925

James M. Price B. 1-14-1851 d. 3-26-1934

J. Overton Lewis, B. 11-9-1792, d. 12-31-1872

Mary T. Lewis his wife, B 6-16-1801, d. 3-1-1884

John Joseph Lewis B 4-20-1837, d. 8-17-1908

Old Cemetery Rd. Leading from Seneca to Anderson left side
going south behind wire fence:

Robin Hays 1815-1896

Elizabeth Woolbright (Hays) wife

Amanda Hays (Harris) See Lucy Holcomb family

Abram S. Hays b. 10-9-1824 d. 4-16-1865

Jennie Mason Hays b. 1-4-1826 d. 5-17-1896

Jo Ann Hays (Harris) child

Old Nazareth Townville Presbyterian Cemetery:

Orpha Harris wife of Benj. B. Harris son of John Harris III

Benj. B. Harris

Mary C. Johnston

John Calhoun Harris B 10-13-1847 d. 2-14-1940

Oscar Harris B 6-6-1853 d. 10-7-1916

Annie T. Harris wife of Joseph P. Harris

Baptist Townville:

Jordan Burns B-4-6-1811 d 11-15-1878 monument

Eliza C. Burns wife of Jordan Burns B 5-9-1806 D 6-2-1883

Old Stone Church Cemetery

Sharpe Family: Elam; John F.; Mrs. Eliz.; Charlotte B.

Sharpe; Jane Eliz. Sharpe.

Charles Story 1-22-1835

Major Thomas Harris son of Charles Harris of Rocky
R.N.C. Born 1737 died 9-19-1826 Rec'd 2 Cpts. commissions.
Ed. A. Sharpe
John A. Harris
Henry F. Dickson
Robt. A. Harris
Edwin M. McCrary
Col. Robert Anderson - monument
Susan Cherry d. 2-10-1847
Mary Cherry d. 8-3-1876
Anna Almira Reese
John Miles Pickens B4-27-1836 d. 9-23-1918
F.D. Pickens B 2-3-185- D 8-22-1911
Lydia Brevard Harris (Craig) wife of Rev. J.N. Craig
D.D. B 4-5-'41 d. 2-17-1951 m. John Newton Craig of Va.
Maud Craig daughter, m. Wm.A.Mathews, d. 12-26-1946
Jack B. Harris b. 12-16-1881 d. 12-28-1919 (See B.B.Harris)
Nannie H. Harris 1856-1939
Bonneau Harris 1851-1935
Nannie Lou Harris 1888-1945
John H. Harris b. 5-20-1885 3 2-11-1902 aged 17
Bonneau Harris Jr. 1883-1939 aged 56 yrs.
Robert Clark Harris' Bob 2-22-1890-10-26-1944 Seaman 2
CIUU.S.N.
William P. Pickens 1855-1935 aged 80

Mary Pickens dau. T.J. & K.A.B 7-20-1843 d. 7-9-1907 aged 64

Anna Reese (Meriwether) dau. of George & Anna Story

Reese age 16 at death

Mary Eliz. Meriwether (Reese) d. 8-19-1824 aged 7 months

Mary B. McCrary b. 4-9-1845 d. 6-27-1918 aged 81

Sam'l McCrary b. 1-9-1845 d. 6-27-1918 aged 73

M. Montgomery Reid McCrary B 6-28-1851 d 10-39-1939 aged 88

Henry Newton McCrary b 5-14-1879 d 1-16-1917

Pendleton Cemetery:

Mary E. Warren Pickens 1860-1939

Milton Reese Hunnicut 1813-1892

David McCurdy Sloan 1893-1958

Michael Galvin Dickson 1841-1906

Agnes G. Dickson 5-6-1849 d. 6-22-1923

John C. Dickson B 1-26-1888 D. 6-26-1935

Nannie Eugenia Dickson dau. of MC & Ag. 1881-1891

Old Stone Church Cemetery (Cont.)

Susan Lewis; Jesse P. Lewis; Jesse A. Lewis

David Lewis; Earle Leis; Robert Lewis; Carrie Lewis

Nancy & John & Richard, Sarah, Emma William, David S. Lewis

Mary C. McCrary & 7 other McCrarys

Rev. James McElhenny

Andrew Pickens Sr. Brig. Gen'l.

Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens)

Andrew Pickens Child; and Andrew Pickens son of T.J.

T. J. Pickens son of Ezekiel Pickens

Gov. Andrew Pickens son of Brig. Andrew Pickens

Mrs. Andrew Pickens Jr.

Jeremiah M. Pickens son of Ezekiel Pickens

Ezekiel Pickens & wife Eliza

Townville Baptist Cemetery (Cont.)

Joseph Pickens Harris I son of Mary Pickens (Harris)

B 12-16-1803 d. 3-15-1880

Elizabeth League d. 12-19-1879 Gt. Grm. of Bill Suttles

Anna M. Suttles B 4-22-1824 D 1-29-1907 Gr.M. of Bill

Suttles & daughter of Elizabeth League

Harriet League sister of Anna M. Suttles aunt of Bill &

Louvera

Handy Harris B2-8-1848 D 12-2-1920

Amanda L. Handy (Hays) D 3-15-1915

Othello Burris (O'Neal) B 9-15-1861 D 1-28-1898

Michael James O'Neal B 8-27-1856 D 3-30-1910 Parents of

Mike O'Neal

Susan Hays (O'Neal) stepmother of Mike B 11-30-1861

D 3-18-1945 the 2nd wife

R. S. Reese (Woolbright) B 1-22-1844 D 3-27-1889

Townville Presbyterian Cemetery:

Lee Harris son of Oscar D 12-8-1921 B in 1893

Lucy Harris (Holcomb) B 5-24-1875 still living 1961

H. W. Holcomb husband, B 12-18-1867 D 7-11-1927

Lucy McCarley (Harris) B 1-3-1853 D 10-7-1908

Samuel P. Harris B 1-9-1816 D ?

Lucinda M. Harris B 5-9-1858 D 10-12-1862 child

Hirman Herring B 5-21-1879 D 8-30-1880

Sena Herring B 5-21-1879 D 8-30-1880

Old Hopewell Baptist (Hudson Berry D.A.R.):

Martha Barksdale B 3-10-1797 D 1-20-1854

John Barksdale B 11-28-1790 D 8-7-1858

CHAPTER A 6
MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS
OF
REBECCA HARRIS REESE

Chapter A 6

The Maternal Grandparents of

Rebecca Harris (Reese)

Wife of Henry Dobson Reese

A 6 Brig. General Andrew Pickens, father of Mary Pickens (Harris), was born on September 13, 1739 at Paxton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was the child of Col. Andrew Pickens* who was born about 1700 in Ireland, and child of Nancy Ann Davis.

Brig. General Pickens married Rebecca Calhoun, daughter of Ezekiel Calhoun, March 19, 1765.

General Pickens died at his Tammassee home on August 17, 1817 while sitting in his rocking chair under the cedar tree.

Brig. General Andrew Pickens was a devout Presbyterian and attended Old Stone Church regularly.** "The Elders of Old Stone Church were General Andrew Pickens, General Robert Anderson, George Reese and John Harris. The Reverend Thomas Reese was installed Pastor of the Society in 1792 and died in 1796 aged 54 years. He was buried in the old buying ground."

*"The Pickens Family" Kate Pickens Day Hiott Pr. Greenville, S.C. 1951.

**"The Old Stone Church" Richard N. Brackett Ph.D. Columbia '05. R.L.Bryan Pub.; N.S.D.A.R.#S452969; 449940.

"The Stone Church was built by subscription; the principal subscribers were: Gen'l. Andrew Pickens; Gen'l. Anderson; George Reese; William Steele; Captain McCaleb; Major Taylor; Mr. Neal; Wm. McGaffin; Hardy Owens; Mr. Whitner; Mr. Calhoun and Gen'l. Earle. The seats and pulpit were furnished by Gen'l. Pickens. The burial place for Dr. Thomas Reese was selected by Gen'l. Andrew Pickens, Major Taylor, Jr., William Steele and Mr. Calhoun of 12 Mile." *

In Howe's "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, he says: "Hopewell (Keowee) remained still associated with Carmel...the two are in what was Pendleton County, a tract of land about 40 miles square ceded by the Cherokees May 1777...In December 1792, Rev. Thomas Reese (father of Henry Dobson Reese)...removed his family into the bounds of Carmel Congregation." (P.40)**

Years after the death of Dr. Reese, "The United Congregations of Hopewell, Carmel...both of the County of Pendleton and State of South Carolina: 'Humbly sheweth that we are left destitute...by the death of Rev. Thomas Reese...we therefore make known our destitute condition to your Reverend Body...signed-Robert Anderson; John Wilson; Robert McCann; Robert Henderson; Andrew Pickens."

*"The Old Stone Church" Rich. Newman Brackett Ph.D. Clemson College Pub. R.L. Bryan Columbia, 1905, p.41,42.

**"Hist. of Pres.Ch. in S.C." Geo. Howe. Vol. I, 1780-1790 pp.559-560 & 636-640.

Brig. General Andrew Pickens was a lovable, kind man. He was a very generous person and when the sons of Dr. Thomas were ready to attend College, General Pickens loaned Dr. Thomas Reese money to provide the means. (See photo static copies of same.) Perhaps that was one reason how he became acquainted with the whole Dr. Reese family. George Reese finished the payments of the loan some time later.

A 6 Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens), the
Grandmother of Rebecca Harris (Reese)

The Family of Rebecca Calhoun

* Rebecca Calhoun was born on 1745-6, just before her family of uncles and aunts and parents left Lancaster, Pennsylvania for Virginia.

Her father, Ezekiel Calhoun, was born about 1725 probably in Donegal, Ireland where his parents had gone from Scotland.

**"The parents were James and Catherine Montgomery Calhoun. Patrick (one son) was born on 1723 and was the father of John Caldwell Calhoun...the four sons, James, Ezekiel, Patrick and William and sister, Mary Calhoun (Noble) and husband, John Noble, lived in Donegal, went

*"American Historical Ass'n." Vol.II p. 65,1899.

**"The Calhoun Family"A.S.Salley Jr.Sect'y.Hist.Soc. of S.C.1909 Quoted from "S.C.His.&Gen.Mag." Vol.VII,Nov.19, 1746 Reed Crk. & 11-29-1760 James Calhoun Capt.Augusta Co.Va.

to West Pennsylvania (Lancaster), settled near the Potomac River, then on account of the Indians, crossed the mountains 200 miles to Wythe Co. Virginia, became land owners."

"James and William Calhoun settled in Rockingham County and served in the French-Indian war."

A.S. Salley Jr. in "The Calhoun Family" said:
"November 19, 1746, Ezekiel, William, and Patrick Calhoun were appointed workers on a road from Reed Creek to Eagle Bottom and thence to the top of the ridge that parts the waters of New River & the South Fork of the Roanoke; James, as overseer."

Rebecca Calhoun Pickens was a "blue-eyed black haired" beauty*. Her "charm and vivacity" endeared her to the many friends and campers who lived for a time under the cedar trees during strenuous times in Abbeville.

**She was a talented and gifted young woman and she played a piano there in her home to entertain her friends. "After a sumptuous meal the lovely Mrs. Pickens played on her piano and sang for me...Mrs. Pickens told me that there were already two other pianos in the village."

"Becky with her long black hair wound about her shapely head rode her favorite horse among the slaves as they planted and worked."

*"The Fighting Elder." by Alice Noble Waring. "The U. of S.C. Press, Columbia S.C. 1962 printed by Vogue Press Columbia, S.C. pp. 3, 5, 37

**"So lives a dream" by Pearl Smith McFall. Comet Press Books Pub. N.Y. 1953 p. 19

Rebecca Pickens through the adversities of war and plantation became "worn and thin." She became weaker and weaker with the trials of sickness of her small children and of the worries during the absence of General Andrew Pickens.

Surrounded by her children she quietly passed away in December 1814. She was truly a great heroine of the Revolution.

Rebecca Calhoun Pickens

Revolutionary Patriot*

A 6 Rebecca Calhoun Pickens, daughter of Ezekiel and Jean Ewing (Calhoun) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on December 18, 1745. Records show that she was a baby in arms as the parents left for Virginia.

In 1756, Ezekiel and his family, hearing glowing terms about the wonder of the Long Cane District of South Carolina from his brother, Patrick Calhoun, went there after selling his holdings on Reese Creek, Virginia. There he located his home in the Abbeville district. It was in this home of Ezekiel's that she married Brig. General Andrew Pickens.

*"Women of the Revol." Vol. 3 p. 302 by Eliz.F.Ellet. Publ. Chas.Scribner 1861; "Genealogical Helper" Dec.1959; N.S.D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Anderson Gt.Gt.Gt.Granddau.of Gen'l Pickens.

"Her father was an amiable and intelligent gentleman and possessed...an independent state. In 1761 the Settlement that was made on Long Cane Abbeville District was nearly broken up by the Massacre...Ezekiel with his young and trusting family, escaped to Waxhaws on the Catawba River. It was there that General Pickens became acquainted with Miss Calhoun.

He afterwards went to the Calhoun Settlement and married her."

Mrs. Pickens was on many occasions, compelled to abandon her husband's residence near where Abbeville Court House is now and to secret herself and children for days; while at these times, she and her infant family were sustained and supported by their faithful and devoted Negroes." (Dick followed the General through the war... swam the Broad River twice to get to the camp of his master.)

"General Pickens had built a Block House at his residence; into this, the inhabitants were often driven... It was on these occasions that Mrs. Pickens exerted her powerful influence upon those who were forced to gather... After General Greene was forced back...many White families.. fled to General Green's Camp...Among these was the family of General Pickens, who, with his command (although holding his commission from S.C.) was then with Greene's Army

...Mrs. Pickens met the difficulties of her situation and sustained herself and her children through all reverses."

"Her husband's younger brother, a Captain in the Service, was killed at the 'Star Redoubt' Ninety-Six. After his death she was obliged to struggle almost alone."

About 1789, the British burned the home of General Pickens. Meanwhile Pickens, taken prisoner at Charleston, was on parole provided that he did not carry arms.

After the destruction of his home, General Pickens took up arms and resumed the fierce battle. He became second in command under Morgan. "The last desperate battle was fought at Tammasssee Creek 1782. By a trick he frightened the Indians who hearing the burning grass popping, turned and ran. He was given the site for a home."

Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens) died December 19, 1814 after bearing twelve children, two of whom died in infancy.

She is buried in Old Stone Cemetery, Pendleton, next to her husband.

A 6 The Calhoun brothers in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

*John Caldwell, father of Martha Caldwell (Calhoun), lived in "Chestnut Level" Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the east side of the Blue Ridges; he was a friend of Dr. Craig. All evidence points to Calhouns, Craigheads, Nobles: - all lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia. James did not own land in Virginia but John did. Phipper thinks John was the progenitor of the family."

In doing research in the Presbyterian and other churches in Lancaster, the Author found that the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian Church building in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was named, "Chestnut Level", in Drumore Township 1711 and was organized 1717.**

"The Donegal Church", (evidently named for those emigrants who came from Donegal, Ireland) was organized in 1720.

The "Chestnut Level Academy" was founded by Dr. James Latta, the "Donegal Classical School" was founded by Rev. Colin McFarquhar 1776.

It would seem that, because the Calhoun Family retained the name, "Chestnut Level" as a name for their

*"Colonial Fam. of U.S. in America" Vol. 6 p.119; "Calhoun Fam. of S.C." A.S.Salley, Jr.

**The "Presbyterian Ch.in U.S.A.History" Thos.C.Johnson:
"An Index to Wills Books 'Intestate Records,Lancaster Co. 1729-1850 p. 1936, Chapter V.

estates both in Pennsylvania, then in Virginia, that they probably were associated with the above Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

By 1751 congregations were meeting under "Tents", under shady groves. At such a one, Reverend Alexander Craighead assisted in its formation.

"In March 1748, 335 acres on Reed Creek were surveyed for William Calhoun as part of the land of James Patton, and R.S.Slaughter to take up 100,000 acres...on March 5, 1749, 159 acres were surveyed for Patrick on Reed Creek, 'near where he lives'. On April 3, 1749 there were 610 acres surveyed on Reed Creek for James Calhoun. On May 23, 1750, there was 'a new road from Ezekiel's to Wood's River*' (now New R.)"

"On November 29, 1760 James Calhoun qualified as Captain of Troops of Horse".

A part of William's land was called, "Meadow Run". In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the Calhoun Estate was named "Chestnut Level" and the name was carried to Virginia, in Augusta County.

"On November 16, 1752, James Calhoun and Mary (Noble) were executors of John Noble's will." On November 21,

*"S.C.Hist.& Gen. Mag. Vol. VII, by A.S.Salley, Jr. Sect'y. "His Soc. of S.C." 1909; Augusta Co.Ct.Rec.Order Book III p. 371.

1752 William and Patrick were securities for the settlement of John Noble's will."

In 1756 a suit of James Patton vs. James "Cahoon" was brought to an amiable conclusion by both land owners settling it by each, paying half for the title.

*"James, Ezekiel, William, Patrick, and sister Mary Noble, the widow, and Mother Catherine, removed to South Carolina."

**"In 1755 Patrick Calhoun went to South Carolina where Caldwells were living; went to fertile Catawba River, a land in the Northwest part called "Ninety-Six" ninety six miles from Ft. George. There was a great game country in Abbeville County on the Savannah River on the West boundary. He crossed Long Cane Creek and proceeded to Little River two miles from it. In 1756 the Calhouns and Catherine widow and Mother of all and sons moved there...The homestead was on the right bank of Calhoun Creek."

Ezekiel Calhoun had married Miss Jane Ewing from New Jersey about 1743 probably in Pennsylvania. They were the Great Grandparents of Rebecca Harris (Reese).

*Letter from J.C.Calhoun, American Hist.Ass'n. Vol.II pp. 65, 82.

**"Hist.Soc.of S.C." A.S.Salley 1909; Amer.Hist.Soc. Assn. V. II, 1899. "The Calhoun Family"

* A 6 The children of Ezekiel and Jane Ewing (Calhoun) of Abbeville County, South Carolina:

B 1 Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens) married Brigadier General Andrew Pickens 1765 in her father's home.

B 2 John Ewing Cohoon (Calhoun) married a French heiress, Floride Bonneau who lived twenty miles above Charles Town. Their children were:

C 1 John Ewing Cohoon Jr. (Colonel) married Miss Martha Calhoun (See his will of 1847. See his children below)

C 2 William Cohoon third child of John Ewing Calhoun Sr., married the second time to Miss Putnam.

C 3 James Edward Cohoon was not married. He was immensely wealthy (See the will below)

C 4 Floride Cohoon (Calhoun) the fourth child of John Ewing Calhoun married John Caldwell Calhoun her cousin. (See their children).

B 3 Patrick Calhoun was the third child of Ezekiel Calhoun.

B 4 Ezekiel Calhoun was another son of Ezekiel Calhoun Sr.

B 5 Mary Calhoun married Mr. Carr.

*"Ezekial Calhoun's Will" Will Book 1760-1767 p. 201. Hist. Comm, Columbia, S.C.; "Amer. Historical Assn." Vol. II p. 65, 1899.

B 6 Jean Calhoun

B 7 Catherine Calhoun married Alexander Noble,
a cousin.

C 4 Children of Florida Cohoon (Calhoun) fourth
child of John Ewing Calhoun & Floride Bonneau Calhoun;
who married J.C. Calhoun:

D 1 Andrew P. Calhoun

D 2 James Edward Calhoun

D 3 John Caldwell Calhoun Jr. married twice: Miss
Adams, Miss Putnam

D 4 Patrick was unmarried

D 5 Anna M. Calhoun married Thomas Green Clemson.
They had two children:

E 1 Floride Clemson married Gideon Lee. They had
a daughter:

F 1 Floride Clemson Lee. She married Andrew P.
Calhoun. They had a daughter:

G 1 Margaret Maria Calhoun

E 2 Captain Calhoun Clemson son of Anna Calhoun
Clemson was not married.

C 1 Children of Colonel John Ewing Calhoun Jr. &
Martha Calhoun:

D 1 Martha Maria Calhoun

*The Calhoun Family" by A.S.Salley Jr. Sec. "His.Soc. of
S.C." 1909 quoted from "S.C.His.& Gen. Mag." Vol. VII,
Nov. 19, 1746 Reed Crk. & Nov. 29, 1760 James Calhoun
Captain Augusta Co. Va.

D 2 William R. Calhoun was 21 in 1848

D 3 Henry D. Calhoun a minor in 1847

D 4 Edward B. Calhoun a minor

Ezekiel Calhoun was a Justice of the peace.* James his brother had been killed in 1760 at the Massacre.

William Calhoun married Agnes Long. She was born in 1733 and married October 19, 1749. They had 11 children. One daughter, Machael Calhoun married Mr. Handy Harris.**

Ezekiel made two wills; one in September 3, 1759. In this one he named six children. The other one made March 19, 1765 (p.153) was about the time that his daughter, Rebecca, married Brig. General Pickens.

On July 11, 1758, Ezekiel Calhoun, Rebecca's father, willed 350 acres in Long Cane and one third of his personal property to "Jean", wife, the rest to the children: John; Pat; Ezekiel, Jr.; Mary (Carr); Rebecca (Pickens); Catherine and Jean." (P.91-92). He gave all the lands in Reed Creek and Long Cane to the sons, John, Ezekiel, and Pat." (Augusta Co.Ct."Rec.Order Book pp.113-119)

The South Carolina Gazette February 9, 176- gave an "account of the slaughter of many Calhouns. Patrick reported 50 killed."

*"William & Mary Quar."Vol.7.p.57;"Augusta Co.Ct.Rec. Ord. Bk. 1

**"S.C.Hist. & Gen.Mag.", Vol. 7, 1906 p. 153

James Calhoun "Was a constable in Roanoke, Virginia and surveyed land on Reed Creek for his brothers in March 5, 1749."

The Family of Mary Calhoun (Noble)

Aunt of Rebecca Calhoun (Pickens)

Mary Calhoun was married to John Noble in Ireland. On the ship coming to America, their son, Alexander, was born.*

"Mary Noble, widow of John Noble, sister of Ezekiel Calhoun Bond Administrator C.T.A. of John Noble, William Calhoun, and Patrick Calhoun."**

John Noble died in Augusta County, Virginia in 1750-1. William Alexander Noble their son, married Rebecca Pickens, daughter of General Andrew Pickens.

"Patrick Calhoun born June 1723 in Ireland, was Captain of the South Carolina Rangers, June 5, 1764." He married Martha Caldwell."*** Patrick was Mary Noble's brother.

The Children of Mary Calhoun (Noble):

(By A.S.Salley, Jr.Secty, of Hist.Soc. of S.C.)

James Noble

*"National Gen. Soc." Vols. 1-5

**"Records of Aug.Co.1745-1800", "Will.& Mary Quarterly" Vol. 7, p. 57

***"War Service Augusta Co. Martial Rec.Adm.Bird's Co.."

Alexander Noble married Catherine Calhoun, his cousin.

Patrick Noble

Ezekiel Noble, an infant at his father's death.

Jean Noble

"They lived on Cripple Creek in S.W. Virginia. The Calhouns lived in Wythe County."

The First Cousins of Rebecca Calhoun

Children of Mary Calhoun (Noble)

*Alexander Noble born 1733 on the Atlantic Ocean married January 7, 1768 to his first cousin Catherine Calhoun, daughter of Ezekiel & Jane Ewing (Calhoun). "In the Revolution, he was a Major under his brother-in-law, Col. Andrew Pickens." His second child, William, married Rebecca Pickens his cousin. Alexander had seven children; the seventh child, Patrick Noble, born 1787, was the Speaker of the House from 1819 to 1823, and 1833-1835." He married Elizabeth Bonneau Pickens. They had one child Ezekiel Pickens Noble. Others:

James Noble

Patrick Noble

Ezekiel, an infant at his father's death

*"The Calhoun Noble-Davis Families" Geo. Wesley Clower from "S.C.His.Mag." Vol. LIII.pp 51-53; Fam. Bible Davis Fam. "Hist. of Old Pendleton Dist." R.W.Simpson Anderson 1913. Mr. Clower address: 2625 Woodward Way, N.W. Atlanta, Ga.

Jean (Jane) Noble, married Robert Davis. They had a son, Robert Noble, Jr., who married Nancy Harris and they had nine children. They lived in "Indian Creek Plant," De Kalb County, Georgia.

A correspondent wrote to the Author that she is a descendant of Rebecca Pickens Noble and has written a book "By God and By Gun", a life of General Pickens. It is being published in 1962.

Her address is: Alice Noble Waring (Hughes), Arkansas. (Dec. '61).

The Will of James Edward Calhoun, son of John
Ewing Calhoun (Cohoon)

"I, James Edward Calhoun, of Millwood of Abbeville County...

Item 2. Cut off bounds from my lands in Elbert County in the State of Georgia & 150 acres at such place & convey the same to my faithful servant Caroline Calhoun to be held by her for life the remainder to her children share and share alike.

Item 3. Cut off 150 acres from Elbert or Abbeville Co. to be conveyed to Edward Kirer to be held by him in fee simple.

Item 4. The rest of all lands & rights in Abbeville Co. & County of Elbert, Ga. be divided equally among the

following:

Edward B. Calhoun, Abbeville Co; John C. Calhoun of Palatka, Fla.; Benjamin Putnam Calhoun of Palatka; John C. Calhoun of New York City; Margaret Maria Calhoun of Atlanta, Ga., daughter of my nephew A.P. Calhoun Patrick Calhoun of Atlanta, Ga.; and Andrew P. Calhoun, son of Duff G. Calhoun, deceased of Atlanta, Ga.

Item 5. The Executors to divide all O'Connee & Pickens lands equally among the following:

Edward B. Calhoun of Abbeville; John C. Calhoun of Palatka, Fla.; Benjamin Putnam Calhoun of Palatka, Fla.; John C. Calhoun of N.Y. City; Margaret Maria Calhoun of Atlanta, daughter of A.P. Calhoun; Patrick Calhoun of Atlanta; Andrew Pickens Calhoun, son of D.G. Calhoun of Atlanta; Isabella Lee of N.Y.; Maria Pickens Butler, niece of my lamented wife.

Item 6. The rest divided equally among those of Item 4.

Item 7. The interest held by my Executor for Andrew Pickens Calhoun until he is 21.

Item 8. I nominate constitute appoint my great nephew Patrick Calhoun of Atlanta, Ga., my sole Executor of this my last will and that all the interest before bequeathed to my nephew Edward B. Calhoun shall be held

in trust for the use of said Edward B. Calhoun, his wife and children.

Signed by James Edward Calhoun October 19, 1889
in the presence of witnesses:

M. C. Butler

Marcus Woodward

James M. Green

J. Fuller Lyon Judge December 27, 1889

Will in O'Connee Co. Probate Ct. Label 28. No. 725

"Estate of James E. Calhoun.

CHAPTER A 7
THE WHITNEY BRANCH
of the
REESE FAMILY

A 7*The Whitney Branch of the Reese-Harris Family

The American branch of the Whitney family of Massachusetts began with John Whitney and Elinor who came to Watertown in the 1600's.

John Whitney was born in England in 1589. Elinor was born in 1599. John Whitney married Judith Clement after the death of Elinor in 1659.

John Whitney died on June 1, 1673. His will was recorded in Middlesex County, April 3, 1673.

John Whitney was the son of Thomas Whitney "Gentleman" of Westminster and his wife Mary Bray. He was baptized in St. Margaret's Parish near Westminster Abbey, July 20, 1592. Thomas had an uncle who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth Winsor in 1570. He was Sir James Whitney, Lord of Whitney Clifford Pencombe Ocle Pritchard and Sheriff of Herefordshire.

Thomas' grandfather, Sir Robert was knighted by Queen Mary in 1553 and represented that county in Parliament.

Thomas Whitney's license to marry Mary Bray was obtained from the Dean of Westminster May 10, 1583; "Thomas Whytney of Lambeth Marsh Gentleman". It was a

*The Ancestry of John Whitney by Henry Melville, Esq. of N.Y. bar.

*"Whitney Genealogy", Fred Clifton Pierce; 1895 W.B. Conkey 341, Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill. p. 190.

locality near Surrey at the end of the Westminster Bridge. Thomas Whitney had nine children.

The ancestry of John Whitney goes back to Torstinus, a Knight who fought for William the Conqueror. His son Eustasius took the name of Whitney and inherited it from King Henry IV in February 14, 1404.

Solomon Whitney was the 10th generation of Whitneys of Massachusetts. He was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Barrett (Whitney) and he was born on December 20, 1721. He was the fifth child of this marriage.

*Sarah Barrett Whitney was born on November 28, 1692. She died on February 15, 1730. Benjamin Whitney then married Abigail Bridge daughter of Matthew Bridge.

Benjamin Whitney was "one of the first men in Boston 1737. His estate was appraised at 4168 pounds. He first bought land at Marlboro in 1710; 300 acres and a house and barn from Samuel Morse.. In 1711 he...owned large tracts in Marlboro, a part inherited from John and Deborah Barrett. His will was made October 19, 1737... late of Marlboro now of Boston."

Solomon his son was willed Petersham because of service in the Indian Wars.

*"Whitney Geneal." Fred.C.Pierce 1895 W.B.Conkey Pub.341 Dearborn p.190. Chicago P.51; "Ancestry of John Whitney" Henry Melville, N.Y. Bar.
"American Genealogist" p. 389 5th Edition, Salt Lake City, p.389.

Benjamin Whitney father of Solomon died in October, 1737. The other children were:

Deborah Whitney born in 1711, daughter of Benjamin Whitney

Barrett Whitney born in 1715

David Whitney 1717

Perses Whitney was born January 10, 1719. He married N. Goodale.

Solomon Whitney was born on December 20, 1721. He married Elizabeth Smith. They had a son, Captain Benjamin Whitney.

*Captain Benjamin Whitney, son of Solomon, was born June 10, 1753. His wife's name is unknown but in the death memorandum she was buried in Quebec, Canada.

A 7"***Captain Benjamin Whitney served in the Revolution in Petersham Company of Worcester County, Mass., as second Lieutenant under General Lee and was finally commissioned Captain. In the 'Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors' record, p. 208 Benjamin Whitney 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Wing Spooner's Company of Minute Men; Colonel

* "N.S.D.A.R. Aug. 25, 1961 #452969 Jenness Reese Anderson.
"Mass. Sod. & S." p. 208

** "N.S.D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Anderson, Jan. 12, 1961;
"Whitney Geneal." P. 51 Fred C. Pierce 1895 W.B. Conkey
Chicago, Ill., p. 190; "Ancestry of John Whitney" Henry
Melville, N.Y. Bar.

Ward's Regiment, marched April 9, 1775. Enlisted April 1775 served $10\frac{1}{2}$ days."

*"Captain Benjamin Whitney 3rd Lieutenant in Captain Wing Spooner's 11th Co. Regiment of Massachusetts Militia; Colonel Nathan Sparhawks 7th Worcester County; list of officers chosen by several companies in said Regiment, ordered in Council April 6, 1776; that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned April 5, 1776."

A 7 The children of Captain Benjamin Whitney were:

B 1 Benjamin Whitney Jr.

B 2 Job

B 3 Solomon Jr.

B 4 Newhall Whitney was born May 1, 1791. He married Elizabeth Whitehead, daughter of an English Army officer. (See their children)

B 5 Lucinda Whitney

B 6 Miriam Whitney

B 7 Susan Whitney married Mr. Joseph Gleason

B 8 John Whitney

B 9 Lydia Whitney

B 4 Newhall Whitney, 12th generation of Massachusetts

* State of Vt. Office of Sect'y."

Whitneys was born in Petersham. His death certificate states that he was "76" in 1867 at his death on Nov. 20, 1867 in Wheelock, Vermont. He was in the lumber business in Vermont and Canada. "Soon after the war he moved to Three Rivers, Canada, and continued in the lumber business."

*Elizabeth Whitehead (Whitney) was born on April 10, 1805 in Three Rivers, Canada. She was the daughter of J.F.Whitehead British Officer. She died January 10, 1892 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

B 4 Newhall and Elizabeth Whitehead (Whitney) had many children:

C 1 John Whitney was born August 31, 1822. He married Eliza Morse.

C 2 Benjamin Jr. was born October 21, 1824. He married Alma Flanders.

C 3 Susan was born August 20, 1823. She married Charles M. Hanks.

C 4 Mary Ann was born on 1828. She married Judge Carpenter of Placerville, California. She was born in Wheelock, Vermont.

C 5 ** Matilda Dinah Whitney was born July 22, 1833

*"Amer.Geneal." 5th edition p. 389; "Whitney Geneal." Fred C. Pierce p. 338 Newhall Whitney #2618; "Ancestry of John Whitney" by Henry Melville N.Y. Bar 1895 W.B. Conkey Co., Chicago, Ill.

**"Franklin Mass.B.& Marr." p. 103 "Petersham Vit.Sta." to 1850 p. 6.

in Wheelock. She married James Gilmore Whitaker of Santa Barbara, California. They were married on March 11, 1861 in Franklin, Massachusetts. (See previous reference).

C 6 Eliza Jane Whitney was born in 1834; married twice: 1. David Jenkins; 2. Jeremiah Gray.

C 7 Isaac Whitney was born in 1839, married Helen T. Chapman.

C 8 Artemis Whitney was born in 1841.

C 9 Frederick Whitney was born in 1843. He married Sarah Storks.

C 10 Lucy Ann Whitney was born on April 3, 1847. She married George H. Barber. He was born August 11, 1844.

C 5 Matilda Dinah Whitney (Whitaker) was the 13th generation of the Whitney family of Petersham, Mass., a descendant of Eustacius and Agnes De Whitney, to whom land was granted by King Henry the Fourth in 1404. (For children see the Gilmore Chapter next).

Matilda Dinah Whitney's mother was Elizabeth Whitehead of Quebec, Canada. Newhall Whitney, her father, was born in Petersham, Massachusetts where her grandfather Captain Benjamin Whitney was born in 1753.

Captain Benjamin Whitney the Revolutionary Soldier

was the son of Solomon and Elizabeth Smith (Whitney) of Petersham.

To date the wife of Captain Benjamin Whitney has not been established although the "Whitney Genealogy" by F.C. Pierce states that she died in Quebec, Canada. The fact that Massachusetts was in the thick of War, should furnish a cause as to the whereabouts of a Canadian resident in 1776.*

C 10 Mary Ann Gillmor (Whitaker) died January 15, 1896. She was the oldest member of her church.

Newhall Whitney father of Matilda Whitney (Whitaker) died November 20, 1867 at Wheelock, Vermont.

It was said that Mary Ann Gillmor was a tall beautiful lady. She attended the Congregational Church in Franklin, Massachusetts. Her husband, Richard Whitaker, was buried in Franklin, Massachusetts. His death was recorded as in February 7, 1837.

D 3 Children of Matilda Dinah Whitney (Whitaker) and James Gilmore Whitaker:

E 1 Charles Frederick Whitaker was born January 16, 1862. He married Eliza Sherman of Santa Barbara. No issue.

*"Whitney Geneal." by Fred Clifton Pierce 1895. W.B. Conkey 341 Dearborn Chicago, Ill.; "Ancestry of John Whitney" by Henry Melville, N.Y.

E 2 May Whitaker was born on May 25, 1865 in Dayton, Ohio. She attended school in Dayton and went to California about 1880. She was a lovely black-haired girl and was very popular. She had gray eyes and was of medium height. She was youthful in spirit and played jokes on her friends.

Her father, James Gilmore Whitaker, was tall and dark. He was a fine carpenter in Santa Barbara where he had removed about the year 1825. He often worked in the Mission there swapping stories with the Mission Fathers. His home still stands at 319W. Ortega Street there.

E 2 May Whitaker married Edwin Montgomery Reese on August 7, 1886 in Santa Barbara.

E 2 Edwin Montgomery Reese was the son of Dr. Sidney Harris Reese and Maria Brown (Reese) of Houstonville, Kentucky. Dr. Sidney Harris Reese was the son of Rebecca Harris (Reese) and Henry Dobson Reese of Pendleton, South Carolina, where Dr. Sidney H. Reese was born in October 31, 1809. (His own words).

Edwin Montgomery Reese was born on April 27, 1849. (U.S.Census '50). He had an accident when at the age of 70 and died in Jerome, Arizona. He was buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Clarkdale, Arizona.

May Whitaker (Reese) died in San Francisco on February 22, 1922 of Asian Flu.

E 2 Children of Edwin Montgomery and May Whitaker (Reese):

F 1 Myrle Cloyd Reese (Bridge) was born in 1887. She married Marcus Arthur Bridge, son of Amy Bridge. (See the Edwin M. Reese Family)

F 2 Sidney Reese died at age 7 in an accident.

F 3 Jean Whitney Reese (Slaughter) married Jack Slaughter of Oakland, California. No issue.

F 4 Jenness Reese Anderson married Cristobal Reyes December 1, 1962 in Hayward, California. She lives in Oakland, California.

A 8 *The Gillmor branch of the Reese family:

John Gillmor was born about 1660 in Paisley, Scotland. In 1686 or 1689, he married Agnes?.

They went to Ireland, to the city of Ulster where one of his sons was born. He and his family came to America very early, for they settled in Wrentham where most of his children and grandchildren were born.

**John Gillmor died on July 24, 1741. His wife Agnes died March 18, 1752. They had a son:

*"Gilmore Ancestry" Pascal Pearl Gilmore 1925; "Mass. Vol. 20 Vol. 13 p. 1977.; N.S.D.A.R. Jenness Anderson #452929.

**"Wrentham Mass. Vital Rec. to 1850 Vols. 1 & 2"; "Mass. 20 Vol. 3-4 Geneal. Gilmore." by Will. R. Cutter, Lewis Pub. Co., 1910.

A 8 Captain Andrew Gillmor, a farmer of Raynham, Massachusetts was born on April 10, 1726-7 in Raynham. He married Abigail? who was born in 1727. She was his first wife, and was married about 1756.

Abigail Gillmor died on April 17, 1804.

Captain Andrew Gillmor's second wife was Esther Fales. They were married on November 29, 1804 in Raynham.

Andrew Gillmor Sr. died August 10, 1806 (Tombstone) "aged 79". Esther Fales Gillmor died October 2, 1815. All three are buried in the Pondville Cemetery.(Tombstones).

Captain Andrew Gillmor's War service was as Captain of the Militia and Selectman of Raynham, Massachusetts in 1782. (Mass. Sol. & Sailors p. 462).

His farm was known as "Honey Pot."

A 8 Captain Andrew Gillmor made his will on April 23, 1803. He gave one half of his estate to his wife, Esther Fales Gillmor. David, his son, was executor. To Daniel, his son, he gave the pew, dwelling, barn, and buildings with land in Wrentham and Walpole providing "He care for his parents during their lives."

He and his two wives were buried in the Pondville Cemetery with a monument. *Graveside information quoted

*"Letter to Author from Warren R. Gilmore" Wrenthan, Mass., Dec. 6, 1960.

by Warren R. Gilmore a "direct descendant of the original Gillmore" whose father was Frank R. Gilmore, his grandfather Warren Keith Gilmore and great grandfather was Charles P. Gilmore. There are many members of this Gilmore family buried in Pondville.

A 8 *Captain Andrew and Abigail Gillmor had several children:

B 1 Lemuel Gillmor born in 1756 died at age 80.

B 2 Daniel born in 1758 died 1844. He married twice; Nabby Dunbar and Abigail.

B 3 Mercy was born on 1759 married Samuel Reed.

B 4 Elisha was born 1760.

B 5 James Gillmor was born 1762. He married Annie Wilbur.

B 6 Pv. Andrew Gillmor son of Captain Gillmor was born on July 8, 1764 in Raynham, Massachusetts. He entered the Revolutionary War service at the age of 17. ("Mass. Sol. & S." p. 462). He was listed as a "Minor" all through the War. He served as Private in Captain John Shaw's Company; Abiel Mitchell's Regiment; marched to Rhode Island March 6, 1781 by order of Governor John Hancock on a 40 day expedition from Raynham. He belonged to the Orthodox Church in

*"Mass.20 Vol. 13 p. 1977"; "Gilmore Ances." Pascal Pearl Gilmore 1925; "Wrentham Births" p. 99; "N.S.D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Anderson Reyes).

Wrentham, and was a Whig in politics. He was a man of striking appearance, six feet tall in height, of sandy complexion, blue eyed and very sociable and upright.

B 6 Pv. Andrew Gillmor received the usual common school education affording a farmer's son. He followed farming all his life. Early he learned the trade of cooper.

His farm was in Pondville where he raised cattle and sheep for wool and he marketed hay at Walpole.

Private Andrew Gillmor married Hannah Makepiece on August 23, 1787 at Wrentham, Massachusetts.*

His brother Daniel Gillmor was a Revolutionary soldier. The family of Captain Gillmor had settled in Pondville as early as 1794 where the Elder Gillmor called his farm "Honey Pot." He had bought land from Wilbur (Ephraim) of 160 acres and also two tracts #s 17 and 18 in Walpole paying 706 pounds. Captain Gillmor also bought 8 acres from Joshua and Elizabeth Ormsby in Foxboro.

The homestead is now owned by John G. Palfrey of Boston.

*"Gilmore Ancestry" Pascal Pearl Gilmore 1925, Bucksport, Maine; "Mass. 20 Vol. 3. p. 1977" by Will. R. Cutter 1910 Lewis Pub. Co., N.Y. "Vital Sta. to 1850" Wrentham, Mass.

B 6 Private Andrew Gillmor enlisted in the Continental branch of the Revolution for a period of 3 years.

He and Hannah Makepiece Gillmor had many children:

C 1 *Marshall Gillmor born December 10, 1789

C 2 Barnabas Gillmor born March 19, 1788.

C 3 Hannah Gillmor born August 3, 1791 married John Partridge '16.

C 4 Andrew Gillmor born August 1, 1793.

C 5 Jervis Gillmor born August 26, 1795.

C 6 Marcus Gillmor son of Pv. Andrew Gillmor was born on June 13, 1797. He married twice: Elisa Weisensinger & 2nd Atara Smith.

C 7 Joseph Gillmor was born February 7, 1799.

C 8 Moses Gillmor was born January 29, 1801.

C 9 Charles Pinckney Gillmor was born February 21, 1803. He married Almira Keith. His body is buried with his wife's near the 10 foot monument in the Pondville Cemetery. He died in 1872, she died in 1900.

**C 10 Mary Ann Gillmor was born on October 7, 1805 probably in Raynham where her father was a farmer. She married Richard Whitaker Jr. of Providence, Rhode Island, by Reverend Moses Thacher (See their children).

*"N.S.D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Anderson

**"Vital. Stat. to 1850 Wrentham, Mass."; "Mass. 20-Vols. 3&4 pp. 1977, 2158, 2342" by Will R. Cutter Lewis Pub. Co. 1910 N.Y.; "Cert. of Marr. Franklin Town p. 103".

C 11 George Nelson Gillmor, son of Pv. Andrew & Hannah Makepiece was born on November 11, 1807.

C 12 Horatio Whiting Gillmor was born on November 11 or (September 6, 1809). He married 3 times:

Caroline Fales; Eleanor Taylor; Caroline Barton. He left 6 children. The D.A.R. states: "The children were all born in Wrentham, Massachusetts" (See D.A.R. #452969 Jenness Anderson).

C 10 Richard Whitaker's Family:

*Richard Whitaker Jr. was the son of Richard Whitaker Sr. and his wife Ruth Hoskins (Haskins) of Rehoboth who were married January 4, 1787 in that town.

Children of Richard Whitaker Sr. and his wife Ruth Hoskins:

Richard Whitaker Jr. who was born February 11, 1801. He was born in Providence Rhode Island. (See below for their children).

Nancy Whitaker was born 2-28-1797.

Lepha Whitaker was born on 1-28-1799.

Ruth Whitaker daughter of Richard Whitaker Sr. was born 7-1-1803. She died the same year.

Children of Mary Ann Gillmor (Whitaker):

*Letter from Ruth Whitaker 10-25-1963"; "Bureau of Pensions Cert. #64370".

D 1 Lewis Richard Whitaker was born 5-15-1830 in Providence, R.I. He married Isabella McLane about 1851. She was about 24 years of age. She died January 4, 1882 and Lewis Richard Whitaker died 10-28-1913 in Franklin, Massachusetts. His address there was 94 East Central Street. He was buried in the Union Street Cemetery. His last occupation was Probation Officer.

The epitaph of Lewis Richard Whitaker reads:

Co. C 45th Reg't. Mass. Volunteers 7-15-1862-7-7-1863. Co. H 3rd Reg't. Mass. Hvy. Artill. 10-20-1863-9-18-1865."

When Lewis Richard Whitaker went off to War to Kansas, the people of Franklin presented him with a sword.

*Children of his first wife Isabella McLane:

E 1 Eldridge J. Whitaker born 11-11-1852.

E 2 William L. Whitaker born 8-5-1863

Lewis Whitaker married the 2nd time to Ellen S. Stebbins on 1-31-1883. They had two children:

E 3 Ruth S. Whitaker was born 5-27-1882. She married Mr. Snyder.

*"Pension Certificate #643730" 1-5-1898; "Letter from Ruth Snyder" 10-25-1963 to Author.

E 4 Charles R. Whitaker was born 9-25-1883.

The address of Ruth Snyder in Franklin is: 47
Summer Street.

Charles R. Whitaker had four sons. Names unknown.
Ellen Stebbins Whitaker died in 1927. She was about
79 years of age.

Lewis R. Whitaker enrolled for the War in Readville,
Massachusetts. He was 2nd Lieutenant then. He was a
volunteer. Again he volunteered at Salem, Massachusetts
as First Lieutenant. He was honorably discharged on
September 16, 1865.

*Lewis Richard Whitaker was five feet eleven inches
tall and had blue eyes and a sandy complexion. In his
youth he was a carpenter.

His mother Mary Ann Gillmor Whitaker was a tall
beautiful lady. She was a faithful member of the Con-
gregational Church in Franklin until her death in 1896
at the age of 91. She had married Richard Whitaker Jr.
on May 31, 1829. The Richard Whitakers had been members
of this same church for years.

In the "History of Bristol County, Massachusetts"
pages 510-511 in Attleboro purchasers of shares in
Attleboro were listed. The name of Richard Whitaker

*"Bureau of Pensions Certificate #64370" Jan. 15, 1898.

was listed. This was a North Purchase made June 22, 1658. On page 513 a Richard Whitaker drew on March 18, 1668-9 a North Purchase for the Incorporation of the Town of Attleboro. Location "10 miles from Rehoboth. Boundaries include present Attleboro and Cumberland, Rhode Island."

In "The Ring of the Town" by Marion Pearce Carter page 56 "William Whitaker son of Richard and Ruth Hoskins died January 2, 1844 aged 52. Ruth wife of Richard Whitaker was born 1-1-1766 died August 14, 1840, aged 75 years."

Also "Richard Whitaker was born 1-17-1755 and died 11-25-1845."

Also quoted on page 56: "Ruth Whitaker (Eddy) daughter of Richard and Ruth Whitaker died April 29, 1828".

In "Attleboro Bristol County Vital Statistics" other sons of Richard Whitaker Sr." are listed as:

"Cyranus who died in 1823

Arimah who died in 1832

Albert who died in 1830."

E 3 Ruth E. Whitaker, the daughter of Lieutenant Lewis Richard and Ellen S. Stebbins (Whitaker) married twice:

First, Francis Hamant. They had two children:

F 1 Francis Lewis Hamant. He was born in 1912. He and his wife live on Long Island, New York. They have no children.

F 2 Helen Gertrude Hamant daughter of Ruth Whitaker (Hamant) was born in 1922.

Second husband of Ruth Whitaker (Hamant) was Mr. Snyder. They had one girl:

F 3 Elizabeth Ann Snyder. She was born in 1930.

Ruth Snyder and the two daughters live in Franklin, Massachusetts.

Mr. Snyder died in January 1951.

The above data was written to the Author on November 24, 1963.

*D 2 Mary Ann Whitaker daughter of Richard & Mary Ann Gillmor (Whitaker) was born on February, 1832. The month October 17. She married Hartford P. Leonard. He was born probably in Kansas.

Their marriage date was October 17, 1853.

Mary Ann Whitaker (Leonard) died in Wabaunsee, Kansas on 8-25-1855 aged 23 years, 5 months and 6 days.

D 3 James Gilmore Whitaker was the son of Richard Whitaker & Mary Ann Gillmor (Whitaker). He was born

*"Union Street Cemetery Franklin Mass." Letter from Ruth Whitaker (Snyder)". "Franklin Town Records" p.120 Franklin Marr. 1778-1872.

March 3, 1837-8 seven years after his only brother Lewis. He was a native of Franklin, Massachusetts. He married Matilda Dinah Whitney daughter of Newhall & Elizabeth Whitehead (Whitney) on March 11, 1861.

*Matilda Dinah Whitney was born on 7-22-1833 in Wheelock, Vermont. She lived in Franklin, Dayton, Ohio and finally Santa Barbara, California. She died in that city, 2-25-1908 of a stroke.

James Gilmore Whitaker was a skilled carpenter and was clever in wood carving. He built many fine homes in Santa Barbara his own still standing at 119 West Ortega Street. He was a Life Member of the Masonic Order and was their Drum Major. He died in Santa Barbara on November 4, 1914.

Children of James Gilmore Whitaker & Matilda Dinah (Whitaker):

E 1 Charles Frederick Whitaker born 1-16-1862 married Eliza Sherman of Santa Maria, California. No children.

E 2 May or Mary Whitaker (Reese) was born on 5-25-1865 in Dayton, Ohio. She died in San Francisco on "2-17-1922 of Asian Influenzo. She married Edwin Montgomery Reese of San Diego on 8-7-1886 in Santa Barbara. (See Chapter A 3 family of Henry Dobson Reese & Dr. Sidney H. Reese).

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